



AGENDA FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on **Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM**
in the **Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.**

Join Zoom Meeting:

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CALL TO ORDER:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- [3.](#) Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2026

ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS:

- [4.](#) City Clerk Monthly Report
- [5.](#) Parks and Recreation Monthly Report
- [6.](#) Police Department Monthly Report
- [7.](#) Public Safety Monthly Report
- [8.](#) Public Works & Utilities Monthly Report
- [9.](#) Senior & Disabled Services Department Monthly Report
- [10.](#) Tomah Public Library Monthly Report
- [11.](#) Zoning Department Monthly Report
12. Greater Tomah Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Report
13. Tomah Public Housing Authority Monthly Report

GENERAL:

- [14.](#) Approval: Special Event Outdoor Cabaret License for JAC's Steakhouse at 309 Superior Avenue for a music event on September 26, 2026, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- [15.](#) Approval: Temporary Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary "Class B" Wine License Application by Tomah Rotary Club for Neighborhood Block Party on September 12, 2026
- [16.](#) Approval: Adoption of resolution for the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (C.O.R.P.)

ADJOURN:

17. Adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85:

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(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session:

- Approval: Drafting and sending out a request for proposal for the residential development of Property F.
- Approval: Drafting and sending out a request for proposal for the development of Property G.
- Discussion and possible action regarding City-owned property located at 1004, 1007, 1009, and 1013 Superior Ave.

NOTICE: It is possible that a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above-stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above-stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice. Please note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, contact Nicole Jacobs, City Clerk, at 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660.

MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2026, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Council President John Glynn at 6:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call of committee members was taken. Present: J. Glynn, Richard Yarrington, Travis Scholze, Paul Dwyer, Nellie Pater, Shawn Zabinski, Dean Peterson, Mitchell Koel, and Daniel Crego. Absent: None. Also present: Nicole Jacobs, Pam Buchda, Tina Thompson, Charlie Handy, Steve Sarvi, Joe Protz, Eric Pedersen, Tim Adler, Penny Precour, and Brandy Leis. All motions are unanimously approved unless otherwise noted. The meeting was available via Zoom and recorded by Hagen Sports Network.

Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2026:

Motion by P. Dwyer, second by M. Koel, to approve the meeting minutes from June 8, 2026. Motion carried

Acceptance of Reports:

Motion by S. Zabinski, second by P. Dwyer, to accept the following reports. Alderperson Yarrington asked Chief Adler about the number of standby calls for service by Fort McCoy and whether he might expect the numbers to go down now that staff is at full level. Adler said it's one of those things he can never really predict. He added that both Sparta and Tomah use Fort McCoy EMS services quite a bit. Adler also said that even with three fully staffed trucks, they could get a fourth call. Motion carried.

City Clerk Monthly Report

Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

Police Department Monthly Report

Public Safety Monthly Report

Public Works & Utilities Monthly Report

Senior & Disabled Services Department Monthly Report

Tomah Public Library Monthly Report

Zoning Department Monthly Report

Greater Tomah Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Report

Tomah Public Housing Authority Monthly Report

General:

Approval: Reconsideration of the denial of Autumn Love Tucki's Beverage Operator's License application

Motion by R. Yarrington, second by D. Crego to table any decision until the July 20, 2026, Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

Approval: Reconsideration of the denial of Blake C. Larson's Beverage Operator's License application

Motion by T. Scholze, second by P. Dwyer to recommend council approve the Beverage Operator's License application by Blake C. Larson. Mr. Larson appeared with Attorney Bryan Pierce who explained that part of the reason Mr. Larson was denied the license, was because he incorrectly indicated on the questionnaire whether he had been convicted of a crime. Mr. Larson pleaded guilty to four different misdemeanors and has already been discharged from probation early. Mr. Larson said this is an act that he regrets and that this is just a blip on what he has accomplished in his life and was

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asking the council to reconsider his denial. Dwyer asked to hear from Chief Pedersen. Pedersen explained that if the applications are not properly filled out, staff need to be as objective as possible and indicated they have had no problems with Mr. Larson as a bartender in the city. Motion carried. (Zabinski opposed)

Approval: Reconsideration of the denial of Christine M. Morrow's Beverage Operator's License application

Motion by P. Dwyer, second by R. Yarrington to recommend council approve the Beverage Operator's License application by Christine M. Morrow. Attorney Bryan Pierce also appeared for Ms. Morrow. She has only been convicted of THC forfeiture, which Pierce said does not have any bearing on her ability to be a bartender as she has never had any infractions related to her employment duties. Chief Pedersen said the police department has never had any issues with her as a bartender. Motion carried. (S. Zabinski, N. Pater opposed)

Approval: Reconsideration of the denial of Heather A. Weihert's Beverage Operator's License application

Motion by D. Crego, second by P. Dwyer to table any decision until the July 20, 2026, Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

Approval: Reconsideration of the denial of Payton Mehne's Beverage Operator's License application

Motion by M. Koel, second by P. Dwyer to table any decision until the July 20, 2026, Common Council meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourn:

Adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85: (

Motion by P. Dwyer, second by S. Zabinski, to adjourn to closed session under Wis Stat § 19.85(1) as listed on the agenda. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:46 p.m.

1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session:

- Approval: Bid for Property Management Services to assist in leasing out City-owned apartments located at 1004, 1007, and 1009 Superior Ave.

- Approval: Bid for Marketing Services to assist in marketing of the City-owned downtown properties located at 1004, 1007, 1009, and 1013 Superior Ave.

- Approval: Negotiations between the City of Tomah and the Tomah Chamber Foundation for a lease of the vacant lot at 1013 Superior Ave. for an outdoor downtown event venue.

(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

- Approval: Agreement with Monroe County to demolish the home at 103 Clark St.

Motion by P. Dwyer, second by D. Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Jacobs, City Clerk

CITY CLERK – MONTHLY REPORT

August Committee of the Whole 2026

ELECTIONS

- The 2026 Partisan Primary is August 11, 2026.
- The public test was conducted on Tuesday, August 4 to ensure all voting machines are operating correctly and reading ballots accurately.
- The clerk's office has issued 333 absentee ballots so far and received back 235 voted ballots. That includes both mailed ballots, ballots delivered to care facilities by special voting deputies, and absentee in person ballots.
- Special Voting Deputies made three visits to the care facilities to conduct voting. In total, they issued 48 ballots to residents in seven different facilities.
- Absentee In-Person voting concluded on Friday, August 7.
- Monday, August 10 was spent preparing the polling place for the election. Thank you to all departments that help with the preparation of a safe election. We hope to see all of you there on Election Day!

CLERK'S OFFICE UPDATES

- Clerk Jacobs will be out of the office attending the Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Association Annual Conference in Green Bay, Wisc. from August 18-21, 2026.

Submitted by: Nicole Jacobs, City Clerk
August 13, 2025

Other Parks

- Cleaning Parks Shelters for rentals and summer activities
- Mowing all parks and blvds.
- Cleaning Park Bathrooms
- Assisted n.a.s.a. for set up and clean up for Squirrel Fest held on July 11th at Winnebago Park.
- Assisted with National Night Out at Winnebago Park on August 4th.

RECREATION PROGRAMS

- Summer Special Events at Recreation Station
- Recreation Station rentals June (3), July (9)
- T-Ball finished on July 15th
- Arts and Crafts Camps and Create and Play continued
- Adult Softball continues
- Elite Tennis finished July 22nd.
- Sign up for Fall Youth Football finished on August 3rd.
- Working on adult fall programming.

AQUATIC CENTER

- Working on getting estimates on feasibility.

RECREATION PARK

- June 6th and 7th Sheep Show, June 11-13 Badger State Rumble Motorcycle Event, June 25-27 Tractor Pull.
- July 4 Cat Show, Fireworks, July 9-12 Warrior and Warlords, July 15-16 Blood Drive, July 22-26 Fair,
- August-1 Quincineara, 8 Quincineara, 14-15 Feed My Starving Children, 22 Wedding, 29 Wedding
- General upkeep, and maintenance on buildings
- Tomah Ice Center was removed early May, begin making ice in mid-August.
- Worling on grounds clean from large summer events.

Joe Protz

Joe Protz
Director Tomah Parks and Recreation

TOMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT



JULY 2026 REPORT

EMPLOYEE LISTING BY DATE OF HIRE**July 31, 2026**

Admin. Asst. Rhonda Culpitt	12/12/1994
Officer Melanie Marshall	05/28/2000
Lieutenant Paul Sloan	05/13/2001
Chief Eric Pedersen	07/09/2005
Officer Steven Keller	08/14/2005
Assistant Chief Jarrod Furlano	01/13/2008
Lieutenant Adam Perkins	09/04/2011
Sergeant Brandon Kuhn	10/12/2015
Sergeant Wilbert Steinborn	08/19/2018
Sergeant Cody Paulson	09/24/2018
Police Clerk Ashley Bankhead	03/11/2019
Police Clerk DeAnn Batten	06/17/2019
Sergeant Alexander Brueggeman	12/08/2019
Detective Lindsey Stoughtenger	01/24/2021
Officer Jayden Olson	07/11/2021
Evidence Tech Mark Nicholson	08/08/2021
Officer Justice Blackhawk	10/10/2021
Sergeant Audra Gomez	06/01/2022
Officer John Reigel	06/12/2022
Officer Ethan Pedersen	01/01/2023
Officer Brandon Bellacero	01/01/2024
Officer Bradley Hoffman	06/03/2024
Officer Kaden Kaufman	01/06/2025
Officer Nick Nething	06/08/2025
Officer Raef Radcliffe	01/05/2026

July Case Highlights

Possession of Meth / OAR-OWI Related / Fail to Install IID

A Tomah officer was on routine patrol when they located a vehicle parked in a parking lot. The officer ran the license plate through DOT, and the registered owner did not have a valid license. A traffic stop was conducted, and the registered owner was the passenger. The driver identified themselves and advised they held a revoked driver's license. A consent search of the vehicle was granted by the driver. The impending search yielded methamphetamine. As the search was being conducted, a passenger had a medical episode, and EMS was summoned to assist. A female passenger was arrested for the methamphetamine and transported to jail. The driver was issued citations.

OWI 1st / Possession of Open Intoxicants

A Tomah officer was on routine patrol and observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign. The vehicle then proceeded to driver at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted and upon pulling over, the vehicle struck the curb. Contact was made with the driver who apologized for the driving behavior. An open intoxicant was observed in the vehicle, but the driver denied consumption. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were conducted, and the driver consented to a preliminary breath test which was nearly double the legal limit. The driver was arrested and transported to the Tomah Police Department. The driver consented to a legal blood draw which was successfully facilitated. Once the legal blood draw was completed, the driver was issued citations and was released to a responsible party.

Intentionally Abuse Hazardous Substance / Probation Warrant

A delivery driver met with a Tomah officer about concerns for a customer possibly abusing air duster inhalants. The delivery driver had already made several deliveries of air dusters to the same residence and upon meeting with the male customer, the male showed signs of impairment, had urinated himself and empty air duster cans were lying on the floor. The male was known to Tomah officers and was known for abusing air dusters. The male was also on probation. Probation was contacted and issued a warrant for the male's arrest. Contact was attempted, but the male refused to answer. The male was seated in the living room and was observed huffing the air dusters. Entry was made to the residence, and the male was taken into custody. The male was later transported to jail.

Disorderly Conduct by Use of a Dangerous Weapon / Carry Concealed Weapon / Bail Jumping / Resisting / Probation Warrant

A Tomah officer was dispatched to a trouble with party call. The reporting party indicated a male created a scene at their apartment and ultimately fought with two other males. During the physical altercation, the male suspect brandished a knife and the two other involved males fled on foot. The suspect was on probation, and probation placed a warrant for his arrest. The suspect's location was not known at the time. Later in the night, officers located the male riding a bicycle. The male refused to stop for officers even after squad lights and siren were activated. The male continued to ride away and was ultimately tackled to the ground. The male resisted arrest but was eventually secured in handcuffs. The subject was medically cleared and later transported to jail.

Possession of Methamphetamine X2 / Possession of Paraphernalia X3 / Felony Bail Jumping / Possession of Illegally Obtained Prescription

A Tomah officer was on routine patrol when they observed a suspicious vehicle traveling through alleyways. A traffic stop was conducted, and contact was made with three occupants. All occupants were known to the officer as being illegal drug users. A consent search of the vehicle was denied. A Monroe County Sheriff's Office K9 was requested to respond to the scene. The K9 provided a positive indication, and a search of the vehicle yielded methamphetamine, paraphernalia and prescription Pills. All three occupants were arrested and transported to jail.

Resisting / Possession Marijuana / Possession Open Intoxicants

A Tomah officer was on routine patrol and conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. During the contact with the two occupants the officer detected the odors of intoxicants and marijuana. The driver identified himself, but the passenger only gave a first name. Due to the odor of marijuana, the vehicle was subject to search. The driver exited without incident. The passenger refused to exit and had to be physically removed. The passenger was searched and a baggie was suspected of being concealed in his pants. The vehicle was searched and marijuana paraphernalia was located. The passenger was transported to jail where the male provided a baggie of suspected marijuana to jail staff.

Tomah Police Department

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Item 6.



CALLS FOR SERVICE: 1201



TRAFFIC STOPS: 260



OWI ARRESTS: 6



ARRESTS/CITATIONS: 175



ACCIDENTS: 28



Tomah Police Department

www.tomahwi.gov/police

608-374-7400

Chief Eric Pedersen

CITY OF TOMAH PUBLIC SAFETY

MONTHLY REPORT July 2026



Public Safety Director / Fire Chief Tim Adler

TOMAH FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY STATISTICS

MONTH/ YEAR July 2026

FIRE CALLS:

1. **STRUCTURE:** 0
2. **VEHICLE FIRES:** 0
3. **GRASS:** 0
4. **FALSE ALARMS:** 1
5. **INJURIES:** 0
6. **GOOD INTENT CALLS:** 0
7. **HAZMAT:** 0
8. **OTHER:** 13
9. **MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH/RESCUE:** 18
10. **CALLS FOR SERVICE:** 0

FIRE INSPECTION HOURS: 42

FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION HOURS: 6.5 Winnebago Wednesdays, Ho Chunk Fire Extinguisher Training.



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Public Safety Director/Fire Chief report for: **July**

1. **STAFFING**

Full-Time

- Fire Chief
- Deputy Fire Chief

POC (paid on call)

- Assistant Chiefs x 2
- Captains x 2
- Fire Fighters x 27

2. **VEHICLES:** All apparatus are in service and are functioning in good working order. The platform truck will be taken to Rennert's Fire Equipment in August for some maintenance along with an electrical cable that needs to be replaced. These were a few items we knew needed repair when we purchased the apparatus.
3. **GENERAL:** The department responded to 32 calls for service in July. The fire inspectors have started their second round of inspections. The City of Tomah received \$49,297.27 for our 2% Dues this year from the State of Wisconsin. We receive this funding as we provide fire inspections twice a year and provide fire safety education to the Tomah community. Each year we spend time inspecting and pre-fire planning the Monroe County Fair to ensure the public and the kids are safe.
4. **OTHER:** The Tomah Fire Department received \$1992.00 from the Frank Andres Trust and will be purchasing a high-density flood light for our drone which is used for all kinds of operational tasks.

Yours in Safety
Public Safety Director / Fire Chief
Tim Adler



Tomah Fire Department Staff

Fire Chief

*Tim Adler (37 Years)

Deputy Chief

*Jeremy Likely (20 Years)



Assistant Fire Chiefs

*Joe Kube (32 Years)
Joe Amberg (36 Years)

Captains

*Rob Larkin (29 Years)
Charles Muller (24 Years)

Safety Officer

Dave Baggot (27 Years)

Lieutenants

* = Rescue Techs

Fire Fighters

Jody Pierce (32 Years)
*Kerwin Greeno (30 Years)
*Bob Walker (25 Years)
*Steve Walheim (24 Years)
*Cory Lenz (22 Years)
Ron Schneider (21 Years)
*Chris Semann (15 Years)
*Chad Gunder (12 Years)
*Steve Miller (8 Years)
Megan Mickelson (8 Years)
*Phil Gigous (8 Years)
Joe Lenz (8 Years)
Mitchell Larkin (5 Years)
Brandon Sibert (5 Year)
*Justin Dettinger (3 Year)
Michael Linehan (3 Year)
*Chris Johnson (2 Year)
*Jeff Vierck (2 Year)
*Ryan Fisk (2 Year)
*Daniel Amberg (2 Year)
Michael Forlines (2 Year)
*Nick Amberg (2 Year)
Andy Wallace (1 Year)
Diana Johnson (1 Year)
Steven Beining (1 Year)
Tyler Stertman (1 Year)



Tomah Area Ambulance Service Number of Calls by Municipality Monthly Report

July 2026

City of Sparta Total: 4

City of Tomah Total: 231

Town of Adrian Total: 1

Town of Byron Total: 11

Town of Grant Total: 9

Town of Greenfield Total: 5

Town of La Grange Total: 12

Town of Lincoln Total: 8

Town of Oakdale Total: 3

Town of Scott Total: 1

Town of Tomah Total: 6

Town of Wellington Total: 2

Town of Wilton Total: 2

Village of Oakdale Total: 7

Village of Warrens Total: 10

Total: 7

Total Records: 319



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Public Safety director's Report for: **July**

1. STAFFING:

Admin

- Public Safety Director
- Deputy EMS Chief
- Public Safety Administrative Assistant
- Billing Clerk

Full-Time

- Critical Care Paramedics - 15
- Paramedics – 1
- AEMTs – 2

Part-Time

- Critical Care Paramedics – 1
- Paramedics – 2
- AEMTs – 0
- EMT-Basic – 4

2. **VEHICLES:** The departments supervisors fly vehicle unit 264 in the middle of July decided to have motor issues; this is unfortunately a common thing with this GMC motor. It was taken into Larkins GMC where the warranty work was carried out, and we received the vehicle back roughly a week later. The unit was driven for a couple of days when the same issue reappeared, the vehicle was returned to the dealer for repair. Unit 266, which is our newly remounted ambulance, has been inspected by the State of Wisconsin DOT, and we have received the registration back from the DOT, it has since been placed into service.
3. **GENERAL:** The department responded to 319 calls for service in July.
4. **OTHER:** The Tomah Area Ambulance Service received \$2080.00 from the Frank Andres Trust and will be purchasing eight Carbon Monoxide detectors for the EMS service providers. We provided an ambulance as we do each year for standby service at the July 4th Fireworks show and participated in the parade. The service was also on standby for some Monroe County Fair events.

Yours in Safety
Public Safety Director / Fire Chief
Tim Adler

Transfer Statistics break down

July 2026 Statistics

Year to Date Calls for Service – 2,046

- Calls with multiple ambulances – 43

Year to Date Reports Written – 2,048

Calls for Service in July – 319

- Calls with multiple ambulances – 8

Reports Written in July – 323

Salaried Employee Stipends in July – 0

Year to Date Salaried Employee Stipends – 0

Year to Date – All Transfers – 651 Requested. Accepted 547, Declined 104 – 84.02%

- Tomah Health ER– Requested 547, Accepted 475. **86.84% Accepted.**
 - Reasons for Turn Down
 - On Transfer/911 Calls / Would Not Wait – 45
 - Multiple Transfers at the Same Time – 15
 - Crew Safety – 7
 - Staffing – 3
 - Medical Necessity – 2
- Tomah Health OB & Acute Care – Requested 37, Accepted 32. **86.49% Accepted.**
 - Reasons for Turn Down
 - On Transfer/911 Calls / Would Not Wait – 5
- Tomah VA – Requested 30, Accepted 21. **70.00% Accepted.**
 - Reasons for Turn Down
 - On Transfer/911 Calls / Would Not Wait – 4
 - VA Staff Called Another Service Before We Could Accept - 3
 - Medical Necessity – 1
 - Crew Safety / Weather – 1
- Critical Care Transfers – Requested 27, Accepted 24. **88.89% Accepted.**
 - March – Tomah to La Crosse – Crew Safety/Weather
 - May – Tomah to La Crosse – Multiple Transfers & Patient Condition
 - June – Tomah to La Crosse – On Critical Care Transfer from Mauston to Madison

July Transfers – 98 Requested. Accepted 85, Declined 13

- Critical Care Transfers – 2
 - Accepted – 2
- Reasons for Turn Down in July
 - On Transfer/911 Calls / Would Not Wait – 6 (Tomah Health-4, TVA-1, Outlying-1)
 - Staffing – 3 (Outlying-3)

- Medical Necessity – 2 (Tomah Health-1, TVA-1)
- Pending Tomah Health Transfer – 1 (Outlying-1)
- Multiple Transfers – 1 (Tomah Health-1)

Mutual Aid

- **Assisted – 3**
 - **Wilton Ambulance – 3**
 - **Mutual Aid** – Motor Vehicle Accident – Canceled
 - **Intercept** – Cardiac Arrest – Patient Deceased
 - **Intercept** – Stroke – Transported to Tomah Health
- **Requested – 8**
 - **Fort McCoy – 8**
 - **Change of Quarters** – Two Ambulances on duty, both on motor vehicle accident.
 - **Mutual Aid** – 2nd Ambulance at Motor Vehicle Accident – Canceled. Two Ambulances on duty, one on a transfer, one on a 911 call.
 - **Change of Quarters** – Two Ambulances on duty, both on 911 calls.
 - **Change of Quarters** - Two Ambulances on duty, one on a transfer, one on a 911 call.
 - **Mutual Aid** – Diabetic – Transported to Tomah Health. Two Ambulances on duty, one on a transfer, one on a 911 call.
 - **Change of Quarters** – Two Ambulances on duty, both on 911 calls.
 - **Mutual Aid** – Fall – Cancelled. Three Ambulances on duty, one on a transfer, two on 911 calls.
 - **Mutual Aid** – Fall – Transported to Tomah Health. Three Ambulances on duty, two on transfers, one on a 911 call.

Legal Blood Draws

- **July – 6 (Year to Date – 23)**

TAAS Monthly Statistical Report July 2026

Calls For Service	Cancelled/No Transport	Facility Transfers	Denied Transfers	Salary Stipend
323	89	84	13	\$0.00
1 Year Ago: 310	1 Year Ago: 77	1 Year Ago: 88	1 Year Ago: 12	Yr to Date:
Total Miles Driven	Mutual Aid Requests	Incoming Payments	Billed To Patients	Total Bad Debt Collected In 2025
5179.26	3 Asst / 8 Req / 6 Blood Draw	\$216,016.03	\$585,501.50	\$88,488.27
1 Year Ago: 4447.2	1 Year Ago: 17	Yr to Date: \$2,083,844	Yr to Date: \$4,121,361	As of 8/8/2026
Billed Medicare	Collected Medicare	Uncollectable-Medicare (30% Retrivable)		
\$152,693.30	\$48,704.19	\$142,030.10/JUST NGS		
Yr to Date: \$1,139,199	Yr to Date: \$353,476.98	Yr to Date: \$1,110,930.99		
Billed Medicaid	Collected Medicaid	Medicaid Write-Off		
\$171,703.20	\$16,443.83/JUST EDS	\$56,062.90		
Yr to Date: \$910,667.30	Yr to Date: \$121,498	Yr to Date: \$338,995		
Billed Insurance	Collected Insurance	Write-Off Per Insurance	Collections	Collected Patient
\$149,599.30/also other ngs&eds	\$36,299.09	\$12,443.97	\$20,003.65	\$26,187.30
Yr to Date: \$1,166,978	Yr to Date: \$230,263.0	Yr to Date: \$78,610.84	Yr to Date: \$163,554.0	Yr to Date: \$538,823.72
Billed V.A.	Collected V.A.	Outstanding V.A.		
\$111,505.70	\$88,381.62	2026 As of 8/03/26		
Yr to Date: \$806,692	Yr to Date: \$814,690.91	\$137,646.80		
		2025 as of 08/05/2026		
		\$9,060.10		

NOTES:

CURRENT ROSTER EMPLOYEE ROSTER

Number / Job Status	Licensure	Name	Status		Number/ Job Status	Licensure	Name	Status
Full-Time Staff					Part-Time Staff			
1	FT Director	Chief Tim Adler			23	PT Paramedic/CC	Timothy Kolonick	
2	FT Admin. Asst.	Christi Anderson			24	PT Paramedic/CC		
3	FT Bookkeeping	Candi Maas			25	PT Paramedic	EMILY BERTRAM	
4	FT Paramedic/CC	Dep Chief Adam Robarge			26	PT Paramedic	LAURA SCHARLAU	
5	FT Paramedic/CC	Captian Brandon Siber	A-Shift		27	PT Paramedic		
6	FT Paramedic/CC	Captain Chris Brigson	B-Shift		28	PT Paramedic		
7	FT Paramedic/CC	Captian Jeremy Becker	C-Shift		29	PT Paramedic		
8	FT Paramedic/CC	Mitch Larkin	C-Shift		30	PT Paramedic		
9	FT Paramedic/CC	Michael Forlines	A-Shift		31	PT Paramedic		
10	FT Paramedic/cc	Morgan Scharlau	A-Shift		32	PT AEMT		
11	FT AEMT	Stacy Larkin	C-Shift		33	PT AEMT		
12	FT AEMT	Stacey Forlines	A-Shift		34	PT AEMT		
13	FT Paramedic/CC	Dawson Dean	B-Shift		35	PT EMT	Shana Adams	
14	FT Paramedic/CC	Lisa Hart	A-Shift		36	PT EMT	Hannah Benson	
15	FT Paramedic/CC	Jenna Quackenbush	C-Shift		37	PT EMT	Lydea Cook	Military
16	FT Paramedic	Katie Anderson	B-Shift		38	PT EMT	TYLER STERTMAN	
17	FT Paramedic/CC	Mara Goede	B-Shift		39	PT EMT		
18	FT Paramedic/CC	James Barloon	B-Shift		40	PT EMT		
19	FT Paramedic/CC	Jeffrey Cain	C-Shift		41	PT EMT		
20	FT Paramedic	Genevieve Janczak	A-Shift		42	PT EMT		
21	FT Paramedic/CC	Evelynn Dax	B-Shift		43	PT EMT		
22	FT Paramedic/CC	Keith Melvin			44	PT EMT		

Monthly Invoices July 2026

ACCT #	DATE	DESCRIPTION & INVOICE #	CREDIT CARD YES	AMOUNT
2900	7/1/2026	DAS Health Inv. 159953 (ACH payment)		\$426.30
2900	7/5/2026	Nsure Inv. 11143 (ACH payment)		\$763.82
2210	7/2/2026	Alliant Energy		\$2,256.03
2900	7/2/2026	CR Shred Inv. 0017588		\$55.22
3500	6/16/2026	Everest Emergency Vehicles Inv. P08569		\$1,159.86
3400	6/30/2026	Mississippi Welders Inv. 2072539		\$12.60
3400	6/24/2026	Mississippi Welders Inv. 553106		\$94.26
3402	6/17/2026	Bound Tree Inv. 86246974		\$300.09
2230	7/1/2026	Lynxx Networks		\$674.91
3402	6/25/2026	Zoll Medical Inv. 4517519		\$1,483.04
3401	7/7/2026	Kwik Trip		\$5,063.27
3402	6/26/2026	Bound Tree Inv. 86257677		\$1,394.58
3500	6/24/2026	Larkin's Inv. 93246		\$205.60
3500	6/20/2026	Larkin's Inv. 93074		\$1,088.53
3500	6/17/2026	Winona Control Inc. 27284		\$953.28
2220	7/7/2026	City W&S (May & June)		\$641.40
3400	7/1/2026	Mississippi Welders Inv. 553132		\$89.85
2100	7/8/2026	Cram's Computer Center Inv. 6718		\$500.00
3402	7/8/2026	Medline Inv. 2433985467		\$397.38
3400	6/26/2026	Quill Inv. 49411322		\$29.56
2230	6/23/2026	First Net Inv. 287303615675X07012026		\$382.55
3400	6/29/2026	Ace Hardware Inv. 640104		\$25.58
3100	6/25/2026	Quill Inv. 49396542		\$273.12
3400	6/25/2026	Quill Inv. 49396542		\$94.81
3402	7/6/2026	Bound Tree Inv. 86268012		\$407.25
3400	7/8/2026	Mississippi Welders Inv. 553152		\$76.24
2200	7/8/2026	WE Energies		\$185.54
3500	7/17/2026	Spark's Auto Body		\$520.00
2900	7/14/2026	Tri-State Business Machines Inv. 658033		\$114.00
3402	7/8/2026	Bound Tree Inv. 86271544		\$3,840.35
3402	7/9/2026	Zoll Medical Inv. 4524879		\$1,155.00
3400	7/13/2026	Amazon Order No. 114-5817577-9575450 X		\$81.96
3402	7/16/2026	Bound Tree Inv. 86281747		\$22.80
3400	7/15/2026	Ace Hardware Inv. 640505		\$29.98
3400	7/15/2026	Mississippi Welders Inv. 553175		\$89.85
3350	6/30/2026	Western Technical College Inv. 000170418		\$10.00
2900	7/21/2026	Canon Financial Services Inv. 43581727		\$89.27
				\$24,987.88

Director of Public Works and Utilities Report

August 2026

1) Street Department

Finishing up on the street painting. Seal coating started this week and is on schedule. Garbage truck is needing repairs and currently in the shop. Mattress pick up is going well, a list will go to Code Enforcement who follows up with the resident. Public Works have not had to pick up mattresses recently and the city is staying clean by not having them lay out on the streets. Public Works Department applied for the Andres Grant and received \$2,000 that will go towards the purchase of new flags for downtown.

2) Sewer Department

Monthly average flow of 1.2MGD. Continuing with the annual flushing and sewer jetting maintenance. Lime Silos are being sand blasted and painted and looking great. The company that is doing this work has worked through the heat and plans to be finished by the end of this week. A blower went out on one of the aeration tanks which we were able to fix in house, but we had to order a new one. That bill will be coming next month. Continued maintenance and mowing is being conducted around the plant.

3) Water Department

The daily average pumpage for July is 923,000 gallons per day. Due to the heat, the VA is using more water. Water Dept. conducted lead and copper samples. Results came back and look great, lead is well under the range and there was one copper sample that tested over. Employees are out weed trimming around the hydrants. Roof has been replaced on Wells #11 & #12. No main breaks or leaks.

4) Lake Committee

Next meeting will be held on September 17, 2026 at 5 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Brandy Leis
Director of Public Works and Utilities

TOMAH WATER & SEWER UTILITIES
REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

WATER UTILITY FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEARNED	PCNT
<u>TAXES</u>					
1-40300 DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	.00	.00	591,133.00	591,133.00	.0
1-40801 TAXES	(2,516.08)	(15,988.96)	412,546.00	428,534.96	(3.9)
TOTAL TAXES	(2,516.08)	(15,988.96)	1,003,679.00	1,019,667.96	(1.6)
<u>INVESTMENT INTEREST</u>					
1-41901 INTEREST ON GENERAL INVESTMENT	.00	7,313.71	81,661.00	74,347.29	9.0
1-41904 INTEREST INCOME-CWF DEBT	.00	8,294.37	83,159.00	74,864.63	10.0
TOTAL INVESTMENT INTEREST	.00	15,608.08	164,820.00	149,211.92	9.5
<u>AMORTIZATION</u>					
1-42600 DEPRECIATION EX.-CONTR. PLANT	.00	.00	110,940.00	110,940.00	.0
1-42704 INTEREST EXP.-CWF LOAN #3	.00 (699.63)	2,089.00	2,788.63	(33.5)	
1-42705 INTEREST EXP.-CWF LOAN #4	.00 (2,045.00)	4,265.20	6,310.20	(48.0)	
1-42706 INTEREST EXP.-BONDS-2017	.00 (2,958.75)	5,168.00	8,126.75	(57.3)	
1-42707 INTEREST EXP.-CWF LOAN #5	.00 (2,997.46)	6,208.00	9,205.46	(48.3)	
1-42708 INTEREST EXP.-BOND-2021B	.00 (6,743.75)	14,938.00	21,681.75	(45.1)	
TOTAL AMORTIZATION	.00 (15,444.59)	143,608.20	159,052.79	(10.8)	
<u>SALES REVENUE</u>					
1-46003 UNMETERED SALES-INDUSTRIAL CUS	1,412.67	8,476.02	16,952.00	8,475.98	50.0
1-46101 METERED SALES-RESIDENTIAL CUST	79,673.35	437,272.28	862,345.00	425,072.72	50.7
1-46102 METERED SALES-COMMERCIAL CUST	35,781.28	188,372.45	371,268.00	182,895.55	50.7
1-46103 METERED SALES-INDUSTRIAL CUST	17,191.11	83,268.92	163,619.00	80,350.08	50.9
1-46104 METERED SALES-PUBLIC AUTHOR	11,166.76	100,226.60	436,525.00	336,298.40	23.0
1-46105 METERED SALES-MULTIFAMILY CUST	14,703.30	83,954.01	161,595.00	77,640.99	52.0
1-46200 PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION	4,696.20	28,177.20	56,358.00	28,180.80	50.0
1-46300 PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION	42,592.32	255,863.44	508,853.00	252,989.56	50.3
TOTAL SALES REVENUE	207,216.99	1,185,610.92	2,577,515.00	1,391,904.08	46.0
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE</u>					
1-47000 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	774.87	5,861.10	11,040.00	5,178.90	53.1
1-47100 MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE REVENUES	776.00	2,643.50	4,000.00	1,356.50	66.1
1-47400 OTHER WATER REVENUES	1,547.51	25,272.45	57,000.00	31,727.55	44.3
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	3,098.38	33,777.05	72,040.00	38,262.95	46.9
TOTAL FUND REVENUE	207,799.29	1,203,562.50	3,961,662.20	2,758,099.70	30.4

TOMAH WATER & SEWER UTILITIES
EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

WATER UTILITY FUND

		PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
	<u>PUMPING EXPENSE</u>					
1-62000	PUMPING LABOR	13,045.77	80,072.73	365,480.00	285,407.27	21.9
1-62200	POWER PURCHASED - ELECTRIC	5,655.04	33,856.76	105,000.00	71,143.24	32.2
1-62300	PUMP SUPPLIES AND EXPENSE	143.10	6,633.88	30,000.00	23,366.12	22.1
1-62500	PUMP MAINTENANCE	2,661.90	8,053.21	20,000.00	11,946.79	40.3
	TOTAL PUMPING EXPENSE	21,505.81	128,616.58	520,480.00	391,863.42	24.7
	<u>TREATMENT EXPENSE</u>					
1-63000	TREATMENT PLANT LABOR	3,154.85	18,809.34	.00	(18,809.34)	.0
1-63100	TREATMENT PLANT CHEMICALS	12,586.47	41,151.59	112,500.00	71,348.41	36.6
1-63200	TREATMENT PLANT SUP & EXP	215.00	7,126.26	20,000.00	12,873.74	35.6
	TOTAL TREATMENT EXPENSE	15,956.32	67,087.19	132,500.00	65,412.81	50.6
	<u>OPERATION LABOR</u>					
1-64001	OPERATION LABOR - MAINS	.00	820.54	.00	(820.54)	.0
1-64002	OPERATION LABOR - SERVICES	4,511.34	29,025.44	.00	(29,025.44)	.0
1-64003	OPERATION LABOR - METERS	3,447.03	22,938.79	.00	(22,938.79)	.0
1-64100	OPERATION SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	699.48	14,814.73	135,000.00	120,185.27	11.0
1-64101	LAB EXPENSES	1,035.34	10,030.08	30,000.00	19,969.92	33.4
	TOTAL OPERATION LABOR	9,693.19	77,629.58	165,000.00	87,370.42	47.1
	<u>MAINTENANCE</u>					
1-65000	MAINTENANCE-RESERVOIRS	825.00	825.00	8,300.00	7,475.00	9.9
1-65100	MAINTENANCE - MAINS	826.62	3,929.60	50,000.00	46,070.40	7.9
1-65200	MAINTENANCE - SERVICES	37.92	82.95	50,000.00	49,917.05	.2
1-65300	MAINTENANCE - METERS	2,585.29	17,122.82	39,000.00	21,877.18	43.9
1-65400	MAINTENANCE - HYDRANTS	.00	.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	.0
1-65500	MAINTENANCE - LANDFILL	.00	.00	407.00	407.00	.0
	TOTAL MAINTENANCE	4,274.83	21,960.37	152,707.00	130,746.63	14.4
	<u>ACCOUNTING & COLLECTION</u>					
1-90200	ACCOUNTING AND COLLECTION LABR	1,082.67	7,486.88	.00	(7,486.88)	.0
1-90300	ACCOUNTING SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	1,814.14	7,500.35	15,500.00	7,999.65	48.4
	TOTAL ACCOUNTING & COLLECTION	2,896.81	14,987.23	15,500.00	512.77	96.7

TOMAH WATER & SEWER UTILITIES
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FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

WATER UTILITY FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
1-92000 GENERAL OFFICE SALARIES	5,999.23	39,315.04	100,000.00	60,684.96	39.3
1-92100 OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,908.50	4,001.83	7,500.00	3,498.17	53.4
1-92300 OUTSIDE SERVICES EMPLOYED	1,575.00	11,270.00	15,000.00	3,730.00	75.1
1-92400 PROPERTY INSURANCE	.00	.00	49,446.00	49,446.00	.0
1-92600 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	14,788.85	89,671.08	185,292.00	95,620.92	48.4
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	24,271.58	144,257.95	357,238.00	212,980.05	40.4
<u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE</u>					
1-93000 MISC. OTHER GENERAL EXPENSE	1,235.51	3,401.65	18,000.00	14,598.35	18.9
1-93300 TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE	1,516.65	7,214.51	15,500.00	8,285.49	46.6
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	2,752.16	10,616.16	33,500.00	22,883.84	31.7
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	81,350.70	465,155.06	1,376,925.00	911,769.94	33.8
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	126,448.59	738,407.44	2,584,737.20	1,846,329.76	28.6

TOMAH WATER & SEWER UTILITIES
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SEWER UTILITY FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEARNED	PCNT
<u>TAXES</u>					
2-40801 TAXES	(3,165.96)	(20,326.76)	40,786.00	61,112.76	(49.8)
2-40803 TAXES-MTR EXP ALLOC -PLANT	.00	.00	15,300.00	15,300.00	.0
TOTAL TAXES	(3,165.96)	(20,326.76)	56,086.00	76,412.76	(36.2)
<u>INVESTMENT INTEREST</u>					
2-41901 INTEREST INCOME-GEN INVESTMENT	.00	17,529.79	54,446.00	36,916.21	32.2
2-41903 INTEREST INCOME-DEBT AMORT	.00	18,082.74	45,610.00	27,527.26	39.7
TOTAL INVESTMENT INTEREST	.00	35,612.53	100,056.00	64,443.47	35.6
<u>AMORTIZATION</u>					
2-42704 INTEREST EXP.-BONDS 2015A	.00	(13,088.75)	31,074.00	44,162.75	(42.1)
TOTAL AMORTIZATION	.00	(13,088.75)	31,074.00	44,162.75	(42.1)
<u>SALES REVENUE</u>					
2-62100 MEASURED SVC TO VA MED CENTER	12,550.38	90,050.02	302,263.00	212,212.98	29.8
2-62201 MEASURED SVC -RESIDENTIAL CUST	116,173.06	632,763.00	1,250,854.69	618,091.69	50.6
2-62202 MEASURED SVC - COMMERCIAL CUST	62,193.98	337,572.10	657,074.24	319,502.14	51.4
2-62203 MEASURED SVC-INDUSTRIAL CUST	29,796.05	157,486.43	299,966.91	142,480.48	52.5
2-62204 MEASURED SVC-MUNICIPAL CUST	5,797.46	50,945.73	97,978.60	47,032.87	52.0
2-62205 MEASURED SVC-MULTIFAMILY CUST	28,269.67	163,921.45	297,508.56	133,587.11	55.1
2-62500 OTHER SEWAGE SERVICE-SEPTIC	19,809.31	48,179.66	152,932.00	104,752.34	31.5
TOTAL SALES REVENUE	274,589.91	1,480,918.39	3,058,578.00	1,577,659.61	48.4
<u>FORFEITED DISCOUNTS</u>					
2-63100 FORFEITED DISCOUNTS	786.24	6,479.87	10,217.00	3,737.13	63.4
TOTAL SOURCE 63	786.24	6,479.87	10,217.00	3,737.13	63.4
TOTAL FUND REVENUE	272,210.19	1,489,595.28	3,256,011.00	1,766,415.72	45.8

TOMAH WATER & SEWER UTILITIES
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SEWER UTILITY FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
<u>OPERATIONS</u>					
2-82000 OPERATION SUPERVISION & LABOR	34,417.78	220,552.22	450,495.00	229,942.78	49.0
2-82101 OPERATION POWER & WATER-PLANT	10,345.60	51,874.54	146,994.00	95,119.46	35.3
2-82102 OPERATION FUEL	310.28	13,554.66	21,000.00	7,445.34	64.6
2-82103 OPERATION POWER & WATER-SEWERS	1,124.61	7,394.03	13,000.00	5,605.97	56.9
2-82400 FERRIC CHLORIDE	.00	.00	14,668.00	14,668.00	.0
2-82500 LIME	6,983.85	41,121.28	70,000.00	28,878.72	58.7
2-82501 POLYMER	3,859.12	9,069.36	16,300.00	7,230.64	55.6
2-82700 OTHER OPERATING SUPPLY & EXP	784.92	13,370.89	24,998.00	11,627.11	53.5
2-82702 DNR PERMITS	13,689.67	13,689.67	15,000.00	1,310.33	91.3
2-82703 LAB EXPENSES	4,279.98	8,564.27	28,000.00	19,435.73	30.6
2-82801 TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE-PLANT	342.36	1,236.88	11,000.00	9,763.12	11.2
2-82802 TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE-SEWER	574.52	2,879.91	32,126.00	29,246.09	9.0
TOTAL OPERATIONS	76,712.69	383,307.71	843,581.00	460,273.29	45.4
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>					
2-83101 MAINTENANCE - SEWERS - LABOR	642.18	3,688.79	.00	(3,688.79)	.0
2-83103 MAINT SUP & EXP-SEWERS	263.31	1,261.51	50,000.00	48,738.49	2.5
2-83104 MAINT-LIFT STATION	.00	119.98	2,750.00	2,630.02	4.4
2-83105 MAINT-LANDFILL	350.00	350.00	7,000.00	6,650.00	5.0
2-83300 MAINT PLANT EQUIPMENT	2,601.19	15,219.03	50,000.00	34,780.97	30.4
2-83400 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	.00	2,912.73	10,000.00	7,087.27	29.1
TOTAL MAINTENANCE	3,856.68	23,552.04	119,750.00	96,197.96	19.7
<u>ACCOUNTING & COLLECTION</u>					
2-84000 BILLING AND ACCOUNTING LABOR	1,082.67	7,486.88	.00	(7,486.88)	.0
2-84001 BILLIN, COLL & ACTG SUP & EXP	.00	5,664.26	11,646.00	5,981.74	48.6
TOTAL ACCOUNTING & COLLECTION	1,082.67	13,151.14	11,646.00	(1,505.14)	112.9
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
2-85000 GENERAL OFFICE SALARIES	5,999.14	40,564.65	100,000.00	59,435.35	40.6
2-85100 OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	11.92	4,086.73	10,000.00	5,913.27	40.9
2-85200 OUTSIDE SERVICES EMPLOYED	12,773.70	16,186.20	21,000.00	4,813.80	77.1
2-85300 INSURANCE EXPENSE	.00	.00	13,413.00	13,413.00	.0
2-85400 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	11,120.38	70,195.67	220,914.00	150,718.33	31.8
2-85600 MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL EXPENSE	.00	4,017.50	84,315.00	80,297.50	4.8
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	29,905.14	135,050.75	449,642.00	314,591.25	30.0

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SEWER UTILITY FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>					
2-92600 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	.00	121.33	.00	(121.33)	.0
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	.00	121.33	.00	(121.33)	.0
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	111,557.18	555,182.97	1,424,619.00	869,436.03	39.0
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	160,653.01	934,412.31	1,831,392.00	896,979.69	51.0

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DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION - BUDGET & FINANCE - OPERATIONS		
CITY OF TOMAH'S KUPPER-RATSCH SENIOR CENTER		
2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES		
\$ 30	(represents \$ 2.50 month)	RESIDENT of City of Tomah (who is senior &/or disabled)
\$ 60	(represents \$ 5.00 month)	Non-Resident of Tomah (who is senior &/or disabled)
\$ 72	(represents \$ 6.00 month)	RESIDENT of City of Tomah (who is not senior or disabled)
\$120	(represents \$10.00 month)	Non-Resident of Tomah (who is not senior or disabled)
\$ 4		Guest Day Pass (adult 18+ years old)
\$ 1		Guest Day Pass (Minors 2 -17 years old))
Free		Guest Day Pass (Infants 0-1)

At the City of Tomah's Kupper-Ratsch Senior Center, seniors are defined as age 50 or more years.
We welcome donations to the Membership Scholarship Fund to assist those who can not afford it.

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

POLICY - PHOTOS/VIDEOS/ETC.		
	The City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Department (including the Kupper Ratsch Senior Center) reserves the right to utilize photos/videos/etc. of participants for publicity purposes. Participants not wanting their photo/video/etc. used must notify the Senior & Disabled Services Director in writing.	

DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE	
	1) Due to budget constraints, we are no longer printing our monthly newsletter. However, if you would like one by email , we can do that. You just need to send an email with your request and contact information – to pbuchda@tomahwi.gov

DEPARTMENT BUDGET & FINANCE

We have one RENTAL OPPORTUNITY – office or small retail place at 107 Milwaukee Street (has a reception area, 2 offices & a meeting room). If you are interested &/or have questions or would like a tour of the building, contact Pam at the senior center at 1002 Superior Ave. Tomah or 608-374-7476 or email pbuchda@tomahwi.gov	
	\$1000. monthly rent 517.25 square feet = approx. 52 cents sq. foot

				
Front of building 107 Milwaukee Street	Reception Area 107 Milwaukee Street	Meeting room 107 Milwaukee Street	Office #1 107 Milwaukee Street	Office #2 107 Milwaukee Street

DEPARTMENT BUDGET & FINANCE

POLICY – RENTAL USE OF SENIOR CENTER	
Are You having a family gathering? A class reunion? Need a place to meet? There are some opportunities to... RENT A SPACE for events/meetings at the Senior Center. APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL by City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Director.	
<i>The City of Tomah and/or The City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Department retains the ability to deny use of building based on availability of staff, activities/events scheduled, other bookings, history of usage/how facility was treated before, etc.</i>	
RENT (and License Fees, if applicable) ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AT TIME OF APPLICATION.	
PRIVATE APPLICANT Client, city resident \$92.00 Client, non-resident \$110.40	PRIVATE APPLICANT Non-Client, city resident \$126.50 Non-Client, non-resident \$144.90
PUBLIC/NON-PROFIT APPLICANT Public applicant, city resident \$10.00 Public applicant, Non-resident \$55.00	
Private groups that are ongoing, regularly scheduled (ie: 2-4 times monthly, 4-12 times yearly, etc.) are half the above rents each time here.	
CLIENT: Regularly comes to the senior center. RESIDENT: Lives in the City of Tomah	NON-CLIENT: Does not regularly come to senior center. NON-RESIDENT: Does not live in the City of Tomah
PUBLIC/NON-PROFIT: Refers to clubs/service organizations that deal with service and civic involvement for the community, such as scholarships, good deed projects, etc.	PRIVATE: Refers to farm organizations, industry, private parties or any other gatherings with the objective to make money not used for civic improvement.

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SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES DEPARTMENT

608-374-7476 pbuchda@tomahwi.gov

Website – City of Tomah

City of TOMAH

A GROWING COMMUNITY SINCE 1883

Kupper-Ratsch Senior Center

A Community Gathering Place

1002 Superior Ave. Tomah, WI. 54660

Facebook page – Tomah Senior Center

SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES DEPARTMENT

AUGUST 2026 CALENDAR







DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

VISION STATEMENT

The City of Tomah envisions empowering people as they age by promoting active, purposeful and positive aging while supporting independence, cultivating a culture of belonging, and ensuring dignity & respect for all through providing opportunities on a regular basis for members to engage, enrich, and empower their lives by the Senior & Disabled Services Department offering activities of interest, education, volunteering, and fostering community connections in an inclusive, person-centered environment.

MISSION STATEMENT

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DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

Kupper-Ratsch Senior Center

A Community Gathering Place



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07/28/2026 09:26

Front of 1002 Superior Avenue

Back (main) entry across alley from WWTC parking lot.

HELLO!



WELCOME TO THE KUPPER-RATSCH SENIOR CENTER

Are you looking for a place to meet people and/or for you and/or your friends/family to get together to play cards and/or other games?
We have a nice place with friendly people, and it is warm in the winter cold and cool in the summer heat. **Come in and join us!**
I encourage people to stop down and visit with us, check us out and take a tour of the senior center.
The Kupper Ratsch Senior Center is **open Monday thru Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm**, except on holidays & special events (such as occasional set-up times for special events) - check monthly calendar.

“Come on down and join us!”

Pam Buchda, Paulette Bolton & John Berry, City of Tomah’s Senior & Disabled Services Staff

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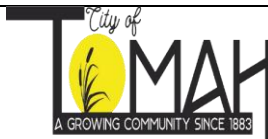
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AUGUST 2026			ACTIVITY/EVENT CALENDAR			E-mail: pbuchda@tomahwi.gov DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS NOTE: If I have missed anyone's birthday, please let me know.								
Page 02	COFFEE & VISITING: 9:00am Monday thru Friday		SENIOR CENTER HOURS: Monday through Friday (except holidays/special events) from 8:30am to 4:30pm (& other times & days as booked) LUNCH: (ADRC of Monroe County Meal Site in Tomah) is Monday through Friday at 11:30am, except Holidays				Calendar subject to change		Page 03					
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Item 9.						
	1:00 BINGO (50 cents/card) <i>4:30-5:30 Free Community Meal</i>		<i>6-9pm Open Mic at Brick Sip Haus</i>		10:30 SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM 1:00 BINGO (50 cents/card)	

NOTES: Tomah Health has FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS from 11am to 1:30pm in Rehab parking lot at 501 Gopher Drive in Tomah.

SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES AUGUST 2026 MONTHLY REPORT

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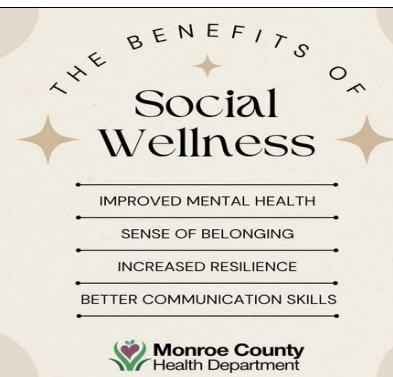
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Senior & Disabled Services Department Staff



**Tomah's senior center
is a Community
Gathering Place**
"We are all about making
friends, being friends,
keeping friends, and
spending time with
friends."
"Come on down
and join us!"

~Pam Buchda



Things you can do to help sustain the senior center...

MEMBERSHIP: Be a member – it helps keep “the lights on and the doors open”. If you know of anyone who would like to join, have them come to the senior center to sign up.

DONATE: If you would like to contribute, please make your donations at the senior center.

VOLUNTEER: We have ongoing volunteer needs as well as fundraising events coming up that will be needing volunteers. Please contact staff to make your availability known.



SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

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WHAT IS A SENIOR CENTER?

A senior center is a community resource that offers programs and services designed to meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of older adults.

They are typically daytime hubs where seniors can participate in activities such as fitness classes, arts and crafts, and social gatherings, and receive services like health screenings and nutritional meals.

The primary goal of these centers is to help seniors remain active, engaged, and independent in their communities.

Statistics highlight the importance of these centers for the well-being of older adults. For instance, seniors who regularly participate in senior center activities generally report better psychological well-being, with benefits such as lower levels of depression, supportive friendships, and reduced stress levels. The average participant visits their center one to three times per week, spending about 3.3 hours per visit.

Senior centers not only offer recreational activities but also serve as crucial access points for various community services, making them a lifeline, especially during times of crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic. They play a key role in keeping seniors active, healthy, and integrated into the community by offering programs that range from health and fitness classes to social and educational activities.

WHY HAVE A SENIOR CENTER IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Having a social community and a regular routine is an important part of a healthy life at any age. That's because feeling a sense of community and strong social life as well as having reasons to get out, take part, and contribute to community life can strengthen mental, emotional, and physical health over time.

Senior centers help support this by offering welcoming spaces and creating opportunities for active independent people (50+) to easily spend time together.

Senior centers intentionally support gathering, conversation, and group activities that make it easy for community people, friends, neighbors, and community groups to meet, talk, learn, and relax together.

Senior centers help support staying socially connected by offering regular group activities and shared experiences where people can socialize and form friendships. This fosters connection, increases sense of belonging, and provides opportunities for involvement in community.

Senior centers also provide opportunities for people to lead events, share skills and explore new interests. By organizing recurring group activities, senior centers offer people a way to get involved and support a sense of purpose.

Senior centers support more than people who attend – they support whole communities. That's because they help families feel confident that their family members (50+) have places to go and ways to stay engaged. By creating spaces for social connection and everyday support, senior centers reduce strain on families and make communities work better for everyone.



DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS



SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



KUPPER-RATSCH SENIOR CENTER ATTENDANCE

NOTE: We do not always see/know how many people are in some evening &/or weekend activities or coming to the Traveling Office Hours, using the Giving Closet, or the Library, or the Reading Table, Etc. We can tell, later, that these services have been used, but not by how many people. So, we use the + sign to denote that, above the numbers recorded additional people have used our services.

Month	#Usage	Vol.s	Days/Evenings Open	Month	#Usage	Vol.s	Days/Evenings Open
January				July			
2026	1,541+	198+	26-01 Sun.,11 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2026	1,493+	153+	24-01 Sun.,12 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2025	1,795+	202+	24-01 Sun.,14 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2025	1,974+	219+	24-01 Sun.,16 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2024	1,487+	206+	25-01 Sun.,04 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2024	1,620+	175+	20-01 Sun.,08 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2023	1,387+	187+	23-01 Sun.,04 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2023	1,741+	203+	24-03 Sun.,01 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2022	856+	93+	24-01 Sun.,01 Eve.& 02 Sat.	2022	1,215+	161+	21-01 Sun.,05 Eve.& 00 Sat.
2021	407	21+	20-00 Sun.,02 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2021	1,078+	71+	21-01 Sun.,05 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2020	---	---	25-01 Sun.,02 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2020	586+	69+	24-01 Sun.,02 Eve.& 01 Sat.
February				August			
2026	1,807+	238+	21-01 Sun.,13 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2026	+	+	xx-xx Sun., xx Eve.& xx Sat.
2025	1,688+	214+	24-02 Sun.,14 Eve.& 02 Sat.	2025	1,905+	205+	23-01 Sun.,02 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2024	1,847+	271+	27-04 Sun.,10 Eve.& 02 Sat.	2024	1,738+	190+	26-02 Sun.,09 Eve.& 02 Sat.
2023	1,626+	207+	21-01 Sun.,02 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2023	2,201+	239+	28-03 Sun.,02 Eve.& 02 Sat.
2022	1,039+	111+	19-00 Sun.,02 Eve.& 00 Sat.	2022	1,486+	202+	25-01 Sun.,04 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2021	383+	20+	20-00 Sun.,01 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2021	1,253+	139+	24-01 Sun.,04 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2020	---	---	22-01 Sun.,01 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2020	620+	74+	24-01 Sun.,02 Eve.& 02 Sat.
March				September			
2026	1,888+	257+	23-01Sun.,13 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2026	+	+	xx-xx Sun., xx Eve.& xx Sat.
2025	1,976+	208+	22-02 Sun.,11 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2025	2,002+	203+	23-01Sun., 08 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2024	1,902+	241+	25-02 Sun.,14 Eve.& 02 Sat.	2024	1,524+	166+	22-01 Sun.,05 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2023	2,349+	263+	26-01 Sun.,06 Eve.& 02 Sat.	2023	1,927+	208+	24-03 Sun.,06 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2022	1,390+	138+	24-01 Sun.,05 Eve.& 00 Sat.	2022	1,332+	170+	22-01 Sun.,06 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2021	617+	37+	23-00 Sun. 01 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2021	1,134+	112+	23-01 Sun.,08 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2020	---	---	16-00 Sun.,00 Eve.& 00 Sat.	2020	595+	59+	23-01 Sun.,03 Eve.& 01 Sat.
April				October			
2026	1,989+	237+	24-01 Sun.,11 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2026	+	+	xx-xx Sun., xx Eve.& xx Sat.
2025	2,137+	231+	24-01 Sun.,14 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2025	2,406+	312+	29-15 Sun.,15 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2024	1,872+	255+	26-03 Sun.,08 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2024	2,670+	270+	27-3 Sun.,12-23 Eve.& 1 Sat.
2023	1,870+	232+	26-01 Sun.,06 Eve.& 02 Sat.	2023	2,370+	282+	26-03 Sun.,11 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2022	1,340+	138+	21½-1 Sun,09 Eve.& 00 Sat.	2022	1,736+	244+	21- 1 Sun.,07 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2021	689+	43+	21-00 Sun.,01 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2021	1,410+	142+	24 -2 Sun.,08 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2020	---	---	00-00 Sun., 00 Eve.& 00	2020	602+	71+	25 -1 Sun.,03 Eve.& 02 Sat.
May				November			
2026	1,675+	194+	22-01 Sun.,05 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2026	+	+	xx-xx Sun., xx Eve.& xx Sat.
2025	2,031+	225+	22-01 Sun.,07 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2025	1,749+	218+	20-00 Sun.,13 Eve.& 02 Sat
2024	1,758+	246+	24-01 Sun.,03 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2024	1,785+	226+	24-03 Sun.,13 Eve.& 02 Sat.
2023	1,898+	247+	24-01 Sun.,04 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2023	1,862+	236+	25-03 Sun.,07 Eve.& 02 Sat.
2022	1,426+	128+	22-01 Sun.,07 Eve.& 00 Sat.	2022	1,322+	228+	21-01 Sun.,05 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2021	657+	37+	20-00 Sun.,03 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2021	1,101+	122+	20-01 sun.,05 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2020	---	---	00-00 Sun.,00 Eve.& 00 Sat.	2020	510+	76+	20-00 Sun.,01 Eve.& 01 Sat.
June				December			
2026	1,647+	176+	23-01 Sun.,07 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2026	+	+	xx-xx Sun., xx Eve.& xx Sat.
2025	1,902+	206+	22-01 Sun.,04 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2025	1,568+	242+	20-00 Sun., 13 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2024	1,588+	212+	23-01 Sun.,04 Eve.& 02 Sat.	2024	1,574+	230+	21-00 Sun.,10 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2023	1,795+	224+	25-01 Sun.,01 Eve.& 02 Sat.	2023	1,644+	242+	21-01 Sun.,03 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2022	1,461+	162+	23-01 Sun.,06 Eve.& 00 Sat.	2022	1,230+	219+	21-00 Sun.,06 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2021	965+	44+	22-01 Sun.,06 Eve.& 01 Sat.	2021	1,006+	88+	22-01 Sun.,05 Eve.& 01 Sat.
2020	270+	26+	14-01 Sun.,02 Eve.& 00 Sat.	2020	452+	48+	22-00 Sun.,01 Eve.& 01 Sat.
TOTALS				2026	+	+	First year of memberships
				2025	23,133+	2,685+	
				2024	21,365+	2,688+	
				2023	22,670+	2,770+	
				2022	15,833+	1,994+	
				2021	10,700+	876+	
				2020	3,635+	423+	Jun15 thru December 31

HISTORY OF ATTENDANCE FACTORS: Did not take attendance before COVID. City senior center & County meal site closed due to COVID on March 17, 2020. Senior Center reopened on June 15, 2020 with full Precautions. We started taking attendance on June 15, 2020. January 2021 masks still required. July 26, 2021 County meal site reopened with masks optional at senior center.



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CITY OF TOMAH'S KUPPER-RATSCH SENIOR CENTER

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members 07-17-2026	Yearly Dues	Monthly cost breakdown	Category of Memberships
75	\$30.00	represents \$ 2.50 month	RESIDENT of City of Tomah (who is senior &/or disabled)
56	\$60.00	represents \$ 5.00 month	Non-Resident of Tomah (who is senior &/or disabled)
03	\$72.00	represents \$ 6.00 month	RESIDENT of City of Tomah (who is not senior or disabled)
0	\$120.00	represents \$10.00 month	Non-Resident of Tomah (who is not senior or disabled)
=134	MEMBERS		
35	\$4.00		Guest Day Pass (adult 18+ years old)
10	\$1.00		Guest Day Pass (Minors 2 -17 years old))
	Free		Guest Day Pass (Infants 0-1)

Due to some specific donations, we do have some Membership Scholarships available based on financial need, please bring last year's income info (such as income tax form) to the Director.

\$120.00		Membership Scholarships
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NOTE: At the City of Tomah's Kupper-Ratsch Senior Center, seniors are defined as 50 or more years.

MEMBERS of the SENIOR CENTER "FAMILY"!

JANUARY	June Abbott; Helen Bailey; Randy Ball; John Berry; Libby Berry; Rose Berry; Kathy Bish; Pat Block; Sandi Bloom; Mary Boettcher; Marian Brieske; Liz Brown; Trudy Brhmer; Sandy Callaway; Colleen Carl; Sandy Chroninger; Vicki Church; Vicki Church; Nancy Close; JoAnn Cram; Mary Davis; Diana Dombrowski; John Dostal; Carol Drysch; Cindy Engstrom; Jeanette Ewing; Tom Feldkamp; Becky Sue Fitzpatrick; Barb Goetzka; Sue Gottbeheat; Sue Greeno; Joslynn Gudim; Alyson Hefner; Marvin Henricks; Siegrun Horst; Doris Kelley; Jeff Kett; Chris King; Ruth Klug; Madonna Kuderer; Patty Liddane; Norman Markgraf; Helen Miller; Hugo Miller; Vern Nauman; Eara Nofsinger; Leta Nofsinger; Ken Olsen; Sue Prielipp-Olsen; Sueann O'Neil; Sharon Organ; Marvin Parker; Al Pasch; Henry Paulin; Pete Peterson; Nancy Phillips; Zan Pierce; Dale Raese; Marilyn Ratliff; Nancy Reidy; Earl Reinert; Lynn Reinert; Joanne Rezin; Sue Rezin; Bob Richert; Betty Roscovius; Carmen Salzwedel; Cathy Scherreiks; Douglas Semrau; Wanda Sheldon; Sue Sherman; Andrew Shumway; Donna Simonsen; Cassie Skogan; Joyce Skogen; Roy Skogen; Barbara Smith; Mary Smith; Julia Turmel; Samantha Turmel; Leona Von Haden; Anne Wallus; Bill Wilson; George Wilson; Marta Ziemis; Michael Ziemis;	85
FEBRUARY	Richard Ahn; David Batten; Renee Fletcher; Shelby Frei; Richard Gegenfurtner; Grace Heim; Julie Kemnitz; Ann Kerr; Mary Lovold; Heather McLoughlin; Enid Mistele; Susan Noth; Carolyn Roberts; Joanna Turmel;	14
MARCH	Pam Buchda; Dan Burton; Leon Clark; Pauline Clark; Liane Cummins; Coleen Helmkamp; Karen Kopenhafer; Terry Kopenhafer; Suellen Kress; Ken Macklin; Carol Myers; Gloria Niceswanger; Evelyn Noyes; Junior Noyes.	14 -1 =13
APRIL	Paulette Bolton; Audrey Chambers; Alicia Coenen; Melinda Hysel; Reita Perrigo; Angela Piemmons; Gary Shutter; Peggy Taylor; Rhonda VonHaden;	09
MAY	Donna Greeno; Gail Johnson; Pat Johnson; Maureen Juracich; Terry Juracich; Diane Wilson; Howard Wilson;	07
JUNE	Duane Kortbein; Marilyn Kortbein; Cheryl Weber;	03
	WELCOME NEW MEMBERS	132
JULY	Terri Schumann; Toni Wilson;	02
	On a Professional Note: Thank you all for being members of & valuing the senior center. On a Personal Note: You all are threads in the fabric of my life. What a beautiful tapestry. Thank You from Pam!!	134 -1 =133

IN LOVING MEMORY...Please take a moment to celebrate the life of member JUNIOR H. NOYES.
Junior will be missed.



DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS



SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



The Senior Center & Meal Site will be **CLOSED**
on Monday, September 07, 2026
LABOR DAY holiday.

SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



Listed are the City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Department's **goals** and some update information.

If you wish to see more in-depth information, please email pbuchda@tomahwi.gov with a request for the newsletter to be emailed to you.

Throughout the year, the Senior & Disabled Services Director has short-term objectives for each of the goals. As short-term objectives are met and as new opportunities and information arise throughout the year, new objectives are developed. Here are some updates...

Goal

- 01** **GOAL:** In 2026, the City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Department will provide a gathering place for recreation & leisure activities, educational & health programs, volunteer opportunities, special needs programs, and services for people with disabilities, as well as maintaining and growing appropriate volunteers and staffing.
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LOAN CLOSET USAGE EACH MONTH

Throughout the year, people come in needing durable medical equipment (*for themselves, for their parent, for their child*) at one of their most stressful times (ie: accident, major health event, surgery, etc.). Often, since it was unplanned, do not have money saved up to be able to buy equipment.

The following quotes are representative of a lot of statements/questions we hear...

"How much does it cost, I have \$10 to my name, but I can no longer hold my husband up in the shower, so he needs a shower chair."

"My father needs a wheelchair, the 'care worker' ordered one, but it will not come in for 4 to 6 weeks, and he needs one now but has no money to pay for one. Do you have one we could use until it comes in?"

"My daughter broke her leg, insurance will not pay for crutches, do you have some she can use until she heals?"

Month	#Donations	Days Donated of Open Days	Month	#Donations	Days Donated of Open Days
January			July		
2026	39	18 days of 21 days open	2026	75	21 days of 24 days open
2025	44	19 days of 24 days open	2025	51	20 days of 24 days open
February			August		
2026	44	18 days of 21 days open	2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	44	19 days of 24 days open	2025	58	21 days of 23 days open
March			September		
2026	67	19 days of 23 days open	2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	65	19 days of 22 days open	2025	61	21 days of 23 days open
April			October		
2026	53	20 days of 24 days open	2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	56	20 days of 24 days open	2025	55	19 days of 29 days open
May			November		
2026	67	18 days of 22 days open	2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	68	20 days of 22 days open	2025	51	16 days of 20 days open
June			December		
2026	63	18 days of 23 days open	2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	55	21 days of 22 days open	2025	43	17 days of 20 days open

2025: 232 days Loan Closet used of 277 days open – 651 times used.

This is your Senior Center... What would you like? We are open to ideas & interests. If you have **suggestions or a particular interest** you would like to see happen, please share it with staff at the senior center or at pbuchda@tomahwi.gov or 608-374-7476. Clip Boards for new group suggestions and sign-up are in senior center office.



DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS


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Goal

02 **GOAL:** In 2026, the City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Department will continue to
of partner with other organizations and be involved with community.
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NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE



- 1) Due to budget, we do not print a newsletter. **If you would like one by email, we can do that every month.** You just need to **send an email with your request and contact information – to Pam at pbuchda@tomahwi.gov**
- 2) The goal is to have the calendars available by the last Thursday or Friday of the month for the next month at the senior center, and the newsletters emails at the beginning of each month.
- 3) If you have something you would like to put in the next newsletter, please submit, in writing or e-mail to pbuchda@tomahwi.gov by the **15th of this month** for future newsletter(s). We reserve the right to accept or decline submissions.



TOMAH AREA ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY & HAUNTED WALK

October 31st.

**4:30pm-6:30pm with games & game prizes &
5:15 Costume Judging**

Cutest-Most Original-Scariest in Age categories (0-3, 4-5, 6-9,
10-13, 14-17 & 18-100+) and Group Costume.
Overall Winners in Cutest, Most Original & Scariest.

At Recreation Park, Recreation Building, 1625 Butts Ave. Tomah

We need your help to sponsor this FREE event!

**Sponsors names are posted and announced at the event, as well as in our Senior Center monthly newsletter; on our Facebook (Tomah Senior Center).*

We will also send you a Thank You poster to put up at your place.

Please make check to: City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Dept.

4:00pm to 7:00pm City Trick or Treat Hours



**Please be a SPONSOR*
of this event.**

Super Hero \$1000 & Up
Mage \$500 - \$999
Genie \$250 - \$499
Magician \$100 - \$249
Great Pumpkin Up to \$99

**Donations of any size are
appreciated!**



We are working on fundraising and lining up volunteers for the **Annual COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY** that is on Halloween – October 31st. We have 13 games, games prizes, trick or treat bags and candy, costume judging and winner plaques & trophies. See Pam with donations and/or for volunteer opportunities.

TOMAH'S GREAT HOLIDAY SHOPPING HUNT (TGHSH)

MISSION STATEMENT: To collaborate to develop TGHSH and to disseminate PR to promote Tomah community as a place to shop vendor events on a designated day and coordinated time.



DATE: 1st Tuesday Planning meetings
(March, May, July, Sept., Nov.)

TIME: 4:30pm

PLACE: Kupper-Ratsch Senior Center

CONTACT: Pam Buchda
608-374-7476
pbuchda@tomahwi.gov

SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING GROUP

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide an opportunity for the special needs community to have a fun time together/ social opportunities, and their caregivers' opportunities for support, education, and networking.



DATE: 1st Tuesday Planning meetings
(January, March, May, July, Sept., Nov.)

TIME: 5:30pm

PLACE: Kupper-Ratsch Senior Center

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DEPARTMENT BUDGET & FINANCE


**SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES
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03 **GOAL:** In 2026, the City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Department will continue to
of operate within budget, fundraise, apply for grants and maintain and expand the senior center
04 buildings.


DONATIONS RECEIVED EACH MONTH

Throughout the year, we receive sponsorships and donations from individuals, organizations, and businesses.

We are very Grateful!!! It all makes a difference. Thank You!!!

Month	#Donations	Days Donated of Open Days		Month	#Donations	Days Donated of Open Days
January				July		
2026	52	17 days of 21 days open		2026	54	19 days of 24 days open
2025	81	22 days of 24 days open		2025	59	19 days of 24 days open
February				August		
2026	63	16 days of 21 days open		2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	43	16 days of 24 days open		2025	78	21 days of 23 days open
March				September		
2026	54	18 days of 23 days open		2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	57	19 days of 22 days open		2025	69	21 days of 23 days open
April				October		
2026	53	20 days of 24 days open		2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	86	20 days of 24 days open		2025	82	21 days of 29 days open
May				November		
2026	36	18 days of 22 days open		2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	69	20 days of 22 days open		2025	58	x17 days of 20 days open
June				December		
2026	67	19 days of 23 days open		2026	xx	xx days of xx days open
2025	59	21 days of 22 days open		2025	52	18 days of 20 days open

2025: 235 days Donations received of 277 days open with total of 793 donations.

DONATION WISH LISTS

REGULAR ONGOING NEEDS	WISHING FOR...	WISH UPON A DREAM...
-Snacks (for 2pm daily snack time – bars, cookies, chips, prepared vogs, ice cream/sherbert, fruit, donuts, crackers/cheese, popsicles, etc.) -Coffee: regular & decaf -Creamers, sugar & sugar sub packets -Hot chocolate packets -Bingo Bash items for prizes (Shelf food, treats, TP, paper towels, cleaners, personal items, new or gently used treasures such as jewelry, knick-knacks, etc.) -Candy (individually wrapped) for the candy jars. -Napkins (in unopened packages)	-Popcorn Machine Stand (\$1,700.00 specific brand and Measurements for our popcorn popper) -Bike Rack for outside the senior center. (\$250.00) -Music Sponsorships -Community Halloween Party Sponsorships -Special Needs Programming Sponsorships -3-4 matching “Little Libraries”	-Building: Elevator to all 3 floors for handicap accessibility -Building 1002 : 1 st floor - new vinyl flooring -Buildings: Point tuck outside (bricks/cement blocks that need it) -Buildings: Painting outside (over the “baby-poo” yellow to soft warm light mossy green to go with the brick and the copper half-roof). -Van (handicapped-like n.a.s.a. van.)


2026 GRANTS
Grants & items applied for ...

FRANK G. ANDRES CHARITABLE TRUST

-\$1,000 Received for Community Halloween Party-\$3600
 -\$1,000 Received for Music Program -\$2,500
 -\$ 300 Received for Bissel HydroSteam Carpet Cleaner
 -\$ 300 Received for Portable Display Board
 =\$2,600 Total Received
THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ANDRES TRUST!!!

Thomas B. Earle Charitable Foundation Trust

-?\$ for Special Needs Programming - \$3,000
 -?\$ for Popcorn Stand for our Popcorn Popper - \$2,000
 -?\$ for Bicycle Rack for senior center - \$200
 -?\$ for Gym Storage Rack for Yoga/Line Dance room - \$200
Still waiting to hear results of applications.



DEPARTMENT BUDGET & FINANCE


SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES
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03. INCOME/BUDGET/DONATIONS,
 continued...

SENIOR CENTER
PROGRAM/PROJECT FUNDRAISING
DONATORS from last newsletter to this newsletter


Anonymous; Patty Ambort; John & Rose & Libby Berry; Pat Block; Mary Boettcher; Duane & Paulette Bolton; Marian Brieske; Felicia Brooks; Pam Buchda; Ken Burkhalter & Sharon Warsaw; Leon & Pauline Clark; Joel Coleman; Chaplin Mike Crowley of Marine Corp League-BRF; Gloria Dettle; John Dostal; MaryAnn Fish; Ashley Gerke; Dorothy Gerke; Judy Gilbertson; Naylor Guy; Gregg Hagen; Alyson Hefner; Grace Heim; Marvin Henricks; Harry Hunter; Denise Jolin; Sueelen Kress; Rebekah Leach; John Libretti; David Mattingly via Lexie Pieper; Gail McGinnis; Richard McNeil; Jill Montgomery; Neighbor For Neighbor Food Pantry; Earra & Leta Nofsinger; Karen Olson; Larry Olson via Lavonne Smith; Sharon Organ; Bonnie Owen; Deb Parker; Al Pasch; Marilyn Ratliff; Dale Raese; David Rischette; Steve Sarvi; Cathy Scherreicks; Steve Schoonover; Lauri & Steve Shumway; Donna Simonsen; Stephanie Squires; Terrilynn Strode; Diane Vanderhoof; Dorothy Walker; George & Toni Wilson; Judy Zellmer; Luke Zylka;

DONATORS IN YEAR 2026

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR DONATIONS OF MONEY, GOODS, &/or SERVICES.
YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE! YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

June Abbott Barb Aker Gene Alderman Patty Ambort Terry Amundson Sharon Anderson <i>Anonymous</i> Michelle Babcock Fran Baldwin Jeff Balwin Family Nick Barter James Becher Diane Behrens Pat Benssen John & Rose Berry Kathy Bish Pat Block Sandi Bloom Mary Boettcher Marci Bolden Duane & Paulette Bolton Boys & Girls Club Lavena Brady Jean Brasic Marian Brieske Felicia Brooks Megan Buchanan Pam Buchda Ken Burkhalter Dan & Patty Burton Sue Butterfuss Audrey Chambers Pat Christensen Vicki Church Leon & Pauline Clark Joel Coleman Sherry Conant Connie Cox Close to/Touch of Home Chaplin Mike Crowley of BRF Marine Corp League Liane Cummins	Mary Davis Sara DeChant Gloria Dettle Diana Dombrowski Siri Donsky John Dostal Mark Ducklow Steve Durachta Tom Feldkamp Marilyn Fellom Sandy Fick MaryAnn Fish 4-H David Fox Cathy Frieske Ronald Garvin Richard Gegenfurtner Ashley Gerke Dorothy Gerke Judy Gilbertson Joslynn Gudim Naylor Guy Gregg Hagen Eugene Hansen Alyson Hefner Grace Heim Coleen Helmkamp Marvin Henricks Siegrun Horst Harry Hunter Doris Johnson Estate Joanne Johnson Pat Johnson Wayne Johnson Denise Joliin Terry & Maureen Juracich Doris Kelley Karen Kelsey Jeff Kett Chris King James Kitchen Ruth & David Klug	Cathy Knutson Karen & Terry Kopenhafer Dennis & Jan Koranda Sueellen Kress Madonna Kuderer Darold Kukowski Pat Kvistad Rebekah Leach John Libretti L.I.F.E. Program Lily Lincoln Karleen Linehan Anna Lord Mary Maas Alicia MacGraw Mischell Markin Jenny Marten David Mattingly Tim McCartney Gail McGinnis Renee McGuire Sarah McKune Richard McNeil Jill Montgomery Paula Muehlenkamp David & Teresa Murray; My Choice WI. Carol Myers Vern Nauman Nancy Neas Neighbor For Neighbor Food Pantry Cathy Neumann Earra & Leta Nofsinger Kasy Nuthring Jane O'Connor Carter Ollendick Ken & Sue Olsen Karen Olson Larry Olson Sharon Organ Bonnie Owen	Gordon Pankratz Deb Parker Marvin Parker Matthew Parker Hank Paulin Al Pasch Jeff Pearson Rita Perrigo Pete & Trudy Peterson Mark Pierce Mary Pierce Tracy Pierce Lexie Pieper June Potter Jody Powers Debbie Prise Payton Purice Dale Raese Marilyn Ratliff Sandy Reekie Earl Reinhart Diana Retlaff Jane Rezin Joanne Rezin Sue Rezin Tammy Rey Bob Rickert Earl Rinehart David Rischette Chuck Roeske Family Betty Roscovius Tom Routh Christine Sagehorn Steve Sarvi Tess Saunders Fred Savage Savvy Sisters Cathy Scherreicks Steve Schoonover Patty Schroeder Debbie Schuman Jeff & Roxanne Schwanz Sue Sherman	Lauri & Steve Shumway Gary Shutter Donna Simonsen Cassie Skogen Joyce Skogan Darlene Smith Lavonne Smith Stephanie Squires Paul Straubel Mike Stoikes Rose Storkel Terrilynn Strode Patty Suhr Tim Sullivan Dosha Taylor Peggy Taylor Tetzlaff Family Tomah Health Tomah Health Hospice Samantha Turmel Diane Vanderhoof Nash Voge Alyson Von Arx Ashley Waage Dorothy Walker Mary Wallerman Anne Wallus Debbie Waltemath Sharon Warsaw Cheryl Weber Lori Welcher Scott Wilhite Denita Williams Bill Wilson George & Toni Wilson WI. Electrical Trades Council, Inc. Joyce Woodworth Shawn Zabinski Judy Zellmer Luke Zylka Jamie, Handishop staff
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DEPARTMENT BUDGET & FINANCE


**SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES
DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**

03. INCOME/BUDGET/DONATIONS,
continued...

**SENIOR CENTER
PROGRAM/PROJECT FUNDRAISING**

We have **one RENTAL OPPORTUNITY** – office or small retail place at **107 Milwaukee Street** (has a reception area, 2 offices & a meeting room). If you are interested &/or have questions or would like a tour of the building, contact Pam at the senior center at 1002 Superior Ave. Tomah or 608-374-7476 or email pbuchda@tomahwi.gov

\$1000. monthly rent 517.25 square feet = approx. 52 cents sq. foot



Front of building
107 Milwaukee Street



Reception Area
107 Milwaukee Street



Meeting room
107 Milwaukee Street



Office #1
107 Milwaukee Street



Office #2
107 Milwaukee Street


ART & CRAFT FAIR FUNDRAISER
Senior Center Fundraiser

Help us raise money for our senior center...

Donations of ART and CRAFTS donated before event would be greatly appreciated for the Senior Center's booth at our Annual Art & Craft Fair.
OTHER VOLUNTEER NEEDS: Making **baked goods/treats** for event.

DATE: Saturday, November 21, 2026 (Set-up: Friday, Nov. 20)

TIME: Event: 9:00am to 3:30am Volunteers: 8:30am to 4:30pm

PLACE: Recreation Building at Recreation Park

Set-up: Friday, Nov. 20 --- Volunteers: 12:30pm to 4:30/5pm

CONTACT: Pam 608-374-7476 or pbuchda@tomahwi.gov

We are also working on fundraising for the senior center – the **Annual ART & CRAFT FAIR** on Saturday, November 21, 2026. We need craft items and baked goods for the senior center booth. We also need volunteers for set-up on Friday, clean-up on Saturday, lunch counter, and more.

Music is good for the soul.
It touches us and fills us.

It reminds us of past memories and creates new memories.

It brings us together.
It is a celebration of life.



According to researchers singing uses both sides of the brain and takes people's minds off their worries, so it is a stress reducer. Singing also boosts oxygen and blood flow to the brain and body.

~Creative Forecasting, March 2021


MUSIC SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

We believe in the benefits of music for all of us. As a result, we have a **music program** here at the senior center with the idea of free admission to weekly live music entertainment.

DATE: Fridays TIME: 10:15am-11:15am

COST: FREE with Membership, or \$4 Guest Day Pass

PLACE: Kupper-Ratsch Senior Center

SPONSORS: Could this be you?!!!

The music program is our most expensive ongoing program and is solely funded by sponsorships, donations, grants and, if fortunate, volunteers sharing their time and musical talents.

The weekly music costs for the senior center are anywhere between volunteering-for-free to \$175 an hour for a music performance.

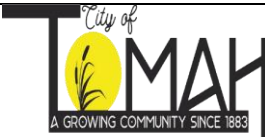
The yearly cost of our Music Program is about \$5,000.

Please be a sponsor of music! Donations of any size are appreciated!

Please make check to: City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Dept





SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES DEPARTMENT 608-374-7476 pbuchda@tomahwi.gov Website – City of Tomah		Kupper-Ratsch Senior Center A Community Gathering Place 1002 Superior Ave. Tomah, WI. 54660 Facebook page – Tomah Senior Center
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POLICY – RENTAL USE OF SENIOR CENTER

**Are You having a family gathering? A class reunion?
Need a place to meet? Check out the senior center.**

**There are some opportunities to...
RENT A SPACE for events/meetings at the Senior Center.**

**APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO
APPROVAL by City of Tomah's Senior &
Disabled Services Director.**

The City of Tomah and/or The City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Department retains the ability to deny use of building based on availability of staff, activities/ events scheduled, other bookings, history of usage/ how facility was treated before, etc.



Main room



Activity room



Kitchenette



Area for food set up

RENT (and License Fees, if applicable) ARE DUE AND PAYABLE AT TIME OF APPLICATION.

PRIVATE APPLICANT

Client, city resident \$92.00
Client, non-resident \$110.40

PRIVATE APPLICANT

Non-Client, city resident \$126.50
Non-Client, non-resident \$144.90

PUBLIC/NON-PROFIT APPLICANT

Public applicant, city resident \$10
Public applicant, Non-resident \$55

Private groups that are ongoing, regularly scheduled (ie: 2-4 times monthly, 4-12 times yearly, etc.) are half the above rents each time here.

CLIENT: Regularly comes to the senior center.

RESIDENT: Lives in the City of Tomah

PUBLIC/NON-PROFIT: Refers to clubs/ service organizations that deal with service and civic involvement for the community, such as scholarships, good deed projects, etc.

NON-CLIENT: Does not regularly come to senior center.

NON-RESIDENT: Does not live in the City of Tomah

PRIVATE: Refers to farm organizations, industry, businesses, private parties or any other gatherings with the objective to make money not used for civic improvement.



DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION


**SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES
DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**


04 **GOAL:** In 2026, the City of Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Department will continue to be staffed to operate with regular open hours and to maintain an effective, positive employee team for the city's Senior & Disabled Services Department throughout the year.

City of Tomah's SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES BOARD

2025-2027 TERM (April to April)	2024-2026 TERM (April to April)
Sandi Bloom, Citizen Susan Greeno, Citizen, SECRETARY Mitch Koel, Alderperson District 5 Evelyn Noyes, Citizen	Paul Dwyer, Mayor Jenna Moser, Citizen Lauri Shumway, Citizen, VICE-CHAIRPERSON Shawn Zabinski, Alderperson District 4, CHAIRPERSON

NAME	City of Tomah's SENIOR & DISABLED SERVICES EMPLOYEES		
Pam Buchda	Senior & Disabled Services Director (SDSD)	FT: Salary 40 hours week	07-02-2018
Paulette Bolton	Senior & Disabled Services Aide (SDSA)	PT: Budget 20 hours week	07-13-2021
John Berry	Senior & Disabled Services Aide (SDSA)	PT: Budget 10 hours week	01-13-2025

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION INVOLVEMENT

- Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers (WASC)** Kupper-Ratsch Senior Center member since January 2019, meetings/education as scheduled. Director served on 2024 WASC State Conference Committee.
- Wisconsin State Aging Advisory Council (SAAC)**
Director serving since 2022, 2026 starts 2nd 3-year term. Meetings 2nd Thurs. 10am-12 online.
- National Council on Aging (NCOA)** Online meetings/education as scheduled and appropriate.
- Healthy Brain Coalition of Monroe County** Meetings on 1st Thursday 3:00pm.
- Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection (WCSC)** Meeting 3rd Tuesday (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) 2pm.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 9th Annual Older Adults Mental Health Awareness Day (OAMHAD) Symposium**, May 7, 2026.
-Keynote Speaker Sergeant Kevin Briggs, Retired, California State Highway Patrol "Guardian of the Golden Bridge". Sessions were: -Geriatric Workforce Enhancement in Rural Communities: Integrating Care, Expanding Access, and Improving Outcomes.
- Chronic Disease Self-Management and Behavioral Health: Lessons from the Field.
- Strengthening Suicide Prevention for Older Adults: State Innovations from SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Academies.
- Diverse Perspectives from Families Supporting Families Leaders**, a Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection (WCSC) Network Webinar, June 15, 2026. Information from Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities' Families Supporting Families project, which support families of children with intellectual or developmental disabilities in diverse communities. Heard firsthand from project partners as they shared their experiences, insights, and lessons learned.
- Wisconsin Coalition for Social Connection**, June 16, 2026.
Guest Speaker & Topic: Relationship Building by Daniel Goldman, LCSW, Guide Forward Psychotherapy.
- National Summit to Increase Social Connections**, June 23-24, 2026.
Theme: "Champion Your Health: Social Connection as a Cornerstone of Prevention, Wellness, Healthy Aging, and Independence". Sessions were: -Eating with Others: Congregate Dining and Socialization.
- Home-Delivered Meals as an Opportunity for Connection, Screening, and Referral.
- Empowering Older Adults through Cooking and Nutrition Education.
- Health Promotion and Physical Activity: Perspective from the Move Your Way Campaign and Physical Activity Guidelines.
- Preventing Falls and Building Connections: social connection as a strategy for delivering evidence-based falls prevention programs.
- Move to Connect: Adaptive Movement for Whole-Person Health.
- Assistive Technology Resources to Support Community-Based Exercise.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, *Pam Buchda*, Tomah's Senior & Disabled Services Director

Tomah Public Library

July 2026 checkouts: Physical checkouts = 5,497; July 2026 E-books checkouts = 2,493

Total checkouts July 2026 = 7,990

Adult Department Events:

7/19 *Michael* (movie for grown-ups)

Summer Reading Bingo, ongoing

Children/Young Adult Department Events:

7/18 Dungeons & Dragons

7/18 Club Pokémon

7/18 Teen Silent Book Club

7/18 Warrior Cat Hangout

7/23 Teen Anime Night

7/30 Staff offered a children's craft at Downtown Thursday Nights (in partnership with Tomah Health)

Legos at the Library (Tuesday nights)

Story times: 6:30 pm Mondays, 10 am & 11:15 am Tuesdays, and 10 am Wednesdays (Baby time) and Little Movers (7/29)

Summer Reading Program, ongoing

Director's Notes:

- Irma's retirement open house rescheduled for Wednesday 8/19 from 12pm-4 pm. Please join us!
- We received a beautiful bench from John & Judy Froelich in honor of their son Sean. (Left of main entrance.)
- After many interviews, our open full-time and part-time positions have been filled. New staff members are starting the last week in July and first week in August. Our part-time hours have been split between two people.

- Monroe County residents will be eligible for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library beginning 1/1/27. Winding Rivers is funding the postage needed to participate for the first two years of the program and will fund-raise after that. This will allow children from birth to five years of age to receive one book a month, delivered to their home.

Respectfully submitted, Trish Skofronick, Director, Tomah Public Library



Zoning Monthly Report

June / July 2026

From Charlie Handy, Zoning Administrator

- Completed Plan Commission meeting, monthly reports, etc.
- Met with developers regarding potential short and long-term development projects
- Continue working on the 2026 Zoning dept. work plan
- Performed various enforcement activities
- Started 18-month process of drafting update to Floodplain/Shoreland Zoning Ordinance per state model ordinance
- Assisting with update of Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan
- Drafted TIF responses and potential developers' agreements for economic development projects
- Assisting with drafting 5-year City Strategic Plan
- Transition work plan on Economic Development
- Conducted Weekly Economic Development Staff meetings
- Completed Downtown Study Open House for July 7th, 2026
- Scheduled Demolition of 103 Clark St.

IWORQS permits August 2026			
Permit #	Permit Type	Parcel Address	Total Fees
7191	Fence	1523 HOLLISTER AVENUE	\$ 35
7188	Sign Permit	310 E MC COY BOULEVARD	\$ 70
7183	Fence	415 Alyssa St.	\$ 35
7180	Fire Alarm System	525 INDUSTRIAL AVENUE	\$ 150
7179	Fence	520 SCHALLER STREET	\$ 35
7178	Sign Permit	1703 ACADEMY AVENUE	\$ 70
7177	Sign Permit	902 W VETERANS STREET	\$ 70
7175	Fence	224 W MC COY BOULEVARD	\$ 35
7174	Fence	137 Carol Kay	\$ 35
7173	Fire Alarm System	303 W MONROE STREET	\$ 150
7172	Fence	921 LEMONWEIR PARKWAY	\$ 35
7171	Shed Permit<150 sq	1216 LINCOLN AVENUE	\$ 27
		Subtotal	\$ 747
		YTD	\$ 4,766
		budget	\$ 4,200

GEC Building Permits July 2026			
Owner Name	Building Address	Census Code	Fee Total
John Sedlo	900 Charles Drive	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 171
Robert Moake	210 View Street	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 171
Jeff Kelner	315 Dawnee St	128 - Sheds	\$ 193
Tomah High School s	901 Lincoln Ave	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 220
Thomas Borowiec	823 W Veterans St	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 171
Cheryl Zingler	303 Cady Ave	120 - Decks and Porches	\$ 193
daniel amberg	415 w jackson st	434 - Residential Additions a	\$ 385
Patrick Larson	212 Hollister Ave	438 - Additions of Residential	\$ 193
Bruce Janusheke	503 Killbourn Ave	434 - Residential Additions a	\$ 165
Brad Plueger	905 Vicki Dr.	434 - Residential Additions a	\$ 165
Wesley Jahnke	629 E. Clifton St.	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 220
Patricia Libera	2014 Hollister Ave	434 - Residential Additions a	\$ 165
Robert Baker	1515 Lakeview Drive	434 - Residential Additions a	\$ 165
Angela Addison	811 King ave	434 - Residential Additions a	\$ 165
Ken O'Connell	519 Elm street	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 171
Lina Rezin	702 Superior Ave	120 - Decks and Porches	\$ 271
Luis Fernando Cruz r	205 Green acres ave	101 - Single Family Houses,	\$ 1,267
Cameron Kirk	616 King Ave	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 171
Halle Schueler	415 W Monowau St	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 171
James Mehr	315 W Foster St.	120 - Decks and Porches	\$ 248
Malissa Griffiths	213 Mclean ave	438 - Additions of Residential	\$ 454
Matthew Parker	424 Pine St	434 - Residential Additions a	\$ 165
James Bronner	402 William Street	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 171
Jon Westpfahl	824 Alderman St.	101 - Single Family Houses,	\$ 2,244
Robin & Leann John	1512 Grant Street	128 - Sheds	\$ 193
Kurt Toczynski	513 Mclean Ave.	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 171
Cindy Langer	1113 Oak Ave	434 - Residential Additions a	\$ 165
Allen Pasch	303 McAdams Dr.	131 - Electrical Only	\$ 171
	11%	Subtotal	\$ 8,775
	57%	YTD	\$ 45,567
		Budget	\$ 80,000

STAFF COMMITTEE PREPARATION REPORT

Agenda Item:

Special Event Outdoor Cabaret License for JAC's Steakhouse at 309 Superior Avenue for a music event on September 26, 2026, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Summary and Background Information:

(Appropriate Documentation Attached)

JAC's Steakhouse currently has an Outdoor Cabaret License. They are applying for a Special Event Outdoor Cabaret License at 309 Superior Avenue for September 26, 2026.

Per City ordinance, no licensee of an outdoor cabaret shall be permitted to provide music from 9 p.m. to 10 a.m. except the common council shall establish the time restrictions for a special event outdoor cabaret.

They are seeking the city council's approval to extend operational hours to 11 p.m. for the event on September 26, 2026.

Fiscal Note:

None.

Recommendation:

It is requested that the Committee of the Whole review the application and make a recommendation to the Common Council regarding the Special Event Cabaret License for JAC's Steakhouse for their events held on September 26, 2026 at 309 Superior Ave in Tomah.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole E. Jacobs

Committee: Committee of the Whole & Common Council

Meeting Date: August 10 & 17, 2026

STAFF COMMITTEE PREPARATION REPORT

Agenda Item:

A special temporary Beer & Wine Permit Application has been filed by the Tomah Rotary Club to sell beer and wine during the “Neighborhood Block Party” event being held September 12th, 2026.

Summary and Background Information:

(Appropriate Documentation Attached)

Tomah Rotary Club has made application for a combination, temporary Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverage and temporary “Class B” Wine License so they can sell fermented malt beverages and wine during the Neighborhood Block Party being held at Recreation Park at 1625 Butts Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660, on September 12th, 2026.

Fiscal Note:

The revenue generated to the City of Tomah by issuance of this license is \$10.00.

Recommendation:

It is requested that the Committee of the Whole review the application and make a recommendation for the Common Council to approve the Special Beer & Wine Permit for Tomah Rotary Club to be used at the Neighborhood Block Party, being held on September 12th, 2026, at Recreation Park.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicole Jacobs

Committee: Committee of the Whole & Common Council

Meeting Date: August 10 & 17, 2026



Resolution No. 2026-__-__

WHEREAS, the City of Tomah has adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 2024 for all operations in the City, and a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) in 2021 for the specific planning and operations of the City's park system; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Board of the City is interested in keeping this CORP up to date to ensure that park systems planning and operations have available the latest data and trends; and

WHEREAS, many grant programs made available to assist in park planning and operations require that this CORP be less than five years since its latest amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tomah utilizes this CORP for annual; budgeting decisions, along with Capital Improvement Planning; and

WHEREAS, the Tomah Parks and Recreation Board has completed a number of activities to assist in this planning process, including public input, visioning and goal setting and capital improvements planning; and

WHEREAS, the City's Comprehensive Plan, has adopted the following goals: *Tomah will provide a safe, efficient, multi-modal, and well-maintained transportation network.*

- *Reinforce the character of the city and surrounding landscape by preserving productive agricultural lands and activities, rural vistas, and natural areas.*
- *Maintain reliable and high-quality services, utilities, and facilities.,*

NOW/ THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tomah City Council Does Hereby Adopt this Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan 2026.

Adopted this __th day of ____, 2026

Signed: Mayor Paul Dwyer

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City of Tomah at a legal meeting on this __th day of ____, 2026.

Attest: Nicole Jacobs, City Clerk

STAFF COMMITTEE PREPARATION REPORT

Agenda Item: Approval of the amendment to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Summary and Background Information:

The City of Tomah, specifically the Parks and Recreation Board has completed a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Planning Process every 5 years. The latest update was completed in 2021. The Parks and Recreation Board has completed an update process recently in 2026. Enclosed is the completed planning document "Update" along with a resolution of adoption. Of Note: The City has above average facilities and a larger ratio of acreage of parkland per capita than the average Wisconsin Community. The City has been able to leverage an above average amount of grant funding for implementing this CORP. The newest goals in this plan include adding multi-modal trail facilities and an indoor recreation facility.

Recommendation From: Parks and Recreation Director to Approve

Minutes Attached: Yes ☐ No ☒

Budget Account: multiple

Fiscal Impact: TBD in Capital improvements planning and annual budgeting

Staff Responsible for implementation: Parks and Recreation Department.

Economic Impact: Parks and Recreation, open space and active recreational trails have been proven to be significantly effective in generating economic development, quality of life and overall health and wellness of the residents.

Zoning/Rezoning Issues: None

Supports Organizational Goals: Yes ☒ No ☐

Questions from Administrator:

Grants Pursued/Opportunity Pursued: Multiple.

Recommendation: A motion to approve this item should read, "Recommend Adoption of resolution number __ - __ 2026 by the City Council

Steven Sarvi
Administrator

8-01-2026
Date

Joe Protz
Department Director

7-27-2026
Date

Committee: Parks and Recreation Committee **Meeting Date(s):** 27 July, 2026

MEETING MINUTES - CITY OF TOMAH

The City of Tomah **Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC)** met on Monday, July 27, 2026 at 5:45 PM at City Hall, 819 Superior Ave., Tomah. The meeting notice was posted at City Hall in compliance with the provisions of Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes.

Call to order and roll call. Present: Dir. Joe Protz, Oak Moser, DeDe Nelson, JoAnn Cram, Bryan Pierce, Scott Brand, and Donna Evans. The following members were absent: Travis Scholze and Dean Peterson.

Also present: Chelsey Van Gundy, Charles Handy, Dan Crego, and Admin. Steve Sarvi.

1. Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2026, regular meeting. Motion by O Moser, second by D Nelson to accept the regular meeting minutes of the June 1, 2026. Motion approved.
2. Review and recommend approval of the 2026-2030 C.O.R.P. Plan. Director Protz provided copies and an overview of the draft plan. Dir. Protz advised they have continued to work on the document and is requesting that the plan be presented to the Common Council for approval. Grants have been received in the past and this plan will assist with the ability to obtain grants in the future. Goals were reviewed. Facebook has been improving to help keep citizens informed. A local group called Friends of Tomah Parks is moving forward to obtain a 501c3 classification to work with volunteers on projects and develop different ways to earn funds for park projects. There is a lot of green space in Tomah available for recreation which is advantageous for marketing the city. A review of the parks was provided. It was requested that updated photos be obtained for the plan. There are several photo options available. The fees and rentals were recently increased and the city will continue to generate additional revenue for the park system. Future cost projections were addressed for each park. Funding sources were discussed. The community has expressed interest in an indoor recreation facility.

Motion by O Moser, second by S Brand to recommend the Common Council approve the 2026-2030 C.O.R.P. Plan with minor corrections following proof reading as well as updating the photos of the park system. Motion passed without negative vote.
3. Parks and Recreation Program Report. Director Protz reviewed the monthly Program report. Staff are cleaning shelters and park bathrooms for rentals, mowing, and getting ready for National Night Out on Aug. 4th at Winnebago Park. The department assisted N.A.S.A. for set up and clean up for Squirrel Fest held on July 11th at Winnebago Park. Summer Special Events are ongoing at Recreation Station including rentals. T-Ball finished on July 15th. Sign up for fall youth football began on July 20th. Other programs continue. The Dept. is working on getting estimates on a feasibility study for the Aquatic Center. General upkeep and maintenance on buildings is occurring at Recreation Park. Recreation Park continues with multiple events (Badger State Rumble Motorcycle, Cat Show, Warrior and Warlords, Blood Dive, Fireworks, etc.) with many more things scheduled in August. The Tomah Ice Center will begin making ice in mid-August. Staff continues working on grounds cleanup to prep for large summer events.
4. Next meeting will be August 24th at 5:45 PM
5. Motion by D Evans, second by O Moser to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

JoAnn Cram, July 27, 2026

CORP 2026 - 2030



CITY OF TOMAH, WISCONSIN COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

August 10th, 2026

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**WITH A PARK SYSTEM BUILT THROUGH
COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SUSTAINED
THROUGH CLOSE SOCIAL CONNECTION
OF THE COMMUNITY, HOW DOES
TOMAH PLAN FOR THE FUTURE IN
ORDER TO MEET CURRENT STANDARDS?**

1.0 Executive Summary

The purpose of the Tomah Parks Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) is to accomplish two important tasks: complete an inventory of park facilities that make up the city park and open space, and to provide guidance for future improvements and expenditures to sustain the park system. The CORP addresses the community's long-range park and open space needs for the next 25 years, with a particular focus on the community's park needs for the next 5 years (2026 to 2030). This CORP plan is the benchmark for future plans. After the adoption of the plan, this document will allow the City to apply for State DNR grant funding, as required by Wisconsin State Statute NR 50.06.(4).

2.0 Introduction

Tomah has a wide variety of parks, with each of the eleven being different than the others. With these unique parks, the City is blessed with an abundance of outdoor space. Each of the existing parks represents a type of activity that, for the most part, is not duplicated between parks. The distribution of the facilities is not as critical as in a larger communities, as each of the parks are within close distance from each other, allowing easy access for the program offerings that exist in each of the different parks. The combination of all the parks offers a good range of both social and recreational opportunities.

3.0 Community Description

This chapter summarizes the demographic makeup of the City of Tomah. The community has a stable population history with modest growth over the past ten years. The City of Tomah will remain stable in population and income but does not have the draw of a larger population center. Population and income in Tomah is projected to increase over the next 5 years. The 2020 census will more clearly identify indicators of population and income level, but the various employment sectors of the community are expected to remain stable in the near future.

Tomah had a few pockets of low-income areas, but this does not contribute to a significant percentage of the total population. Age groups are evenly distributed currently, but the growth of the 65+ age groups will continue to impact the community recreational needs over the next twenty years.

4.0 Park System Standards

This chapter defines the standards used to define types of parks found in a community. Of the seven total types of parks typically found in communities, Tomah has six of them: Neighborhood Parks, Nature areas, Special Use, Com-munity Parks, Recreation Parks and Public-School Open Space. The type and location of these parks drives Tomah's diversity in the park and open space offerings which the City manages for the community.

5.0 Park Inventory

Each park in the City was inventoried for equipment, structure, parking and other site features/amenities. This inventory is being used to establish the baseline for park improvements or changes. The standards applied to this report are provided by the National Recreation and Park Associations (NRPA), which is the national association that is responsible for guiding communities in developing vital, engaging, and safe indoor and outdoor facilities.

6.0 Needs Assessment

A community's needs assessment plays a large role in discovering the community's most critical recreation opportunities and developing an understanding of the exact needs of the community. This chapter identifies the two elements of assessing the community park and recreation needs: public input and park standards. To guide this process, public engagement is used to define the local community's capability to develop and manage the parks, which establishes local standards that can be compared to national standards. This chapter examines the mechanism in place to manage the parks and confirms that resident park and recreation needs are being met.

7.0 Recommendations

Recommendations are at the core of the park plan, which essentially act as the road map for the future direction for Tomah parks. This chapter examines national standards and compares them to the City of Tomah's park system. Considerations include the type and size of the community, how best to improve or update the system to meet current accessibility and safety standards, opportunities to continue to plan all elements of the system, the importance of private recreation in the community, service group involvement, school district involvement, programing of the parks facilities, funding considerations, trail development, water access, criteria necessary to receive the Tree City designation, and the playground and facility's fees and charges combined with City funding to best afford opportunities for all members of the community.

8.0 Capital Improvement

This chapter defines the strategy necessary to have a long-term approach to improving and sustaining the community parks, as long-term strategic planning is necessary to develop the vision for the City parks.

This chapter defines the short-term (1-5 years), mid-term (6-10 years), and long-term (10+ years) improvement schedule for each park in Tomah. Included in this chapter is a master park plan for Winnebago Park.

9.0 Maintenance Plan

Careful planning and design are essential to building a great community park system, but it is the level of long-term care that determines how attractive facilities remain, how long equipment lasts, how safe parks are,

and displays the City's commitment to the community's quality of life.

Sustainable maintenance improves the quality of the natural environment and carefully balances the need to enhance or restore natural resources with the need for active play opportunities. The amount of necessary maintenance will vary from park to park. Active parks, for example, tend to need a higher level of attention, while most open spaces only require some annual maintenance.

This chapter presents details for the long-term maintenance of the Tomah parks. Some additional maintenance requirements may require increases in labor. In Tomah's case this would be handled through seasonal employees and assistance from volunteer groups, especially as new parks and significant improvements come online.

10.0 Appendix

The appendix includes the Presentation for the Community Workshop and gives background to some of the assertions made as part of the public engagement process and a copy of the City of Tomah Impact Fee Ordinance.



2.0

INTRODUCTION

**PLANNING STARTS WITH GOALS,
OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS.**

**TO IMPROVE THE PARKS, YOU MUST
FIRST START WITH A VISION.**

Park and recreation facilities are both a tremendous asset and an increasingly important investment for the City of Tomah and its residents.

Park and Recreation Facilities:

- ◇ Provide leisure time opportunities for the City residents and visitors
- ◇ Contribute to general satisfaction and morale of the community
- ◇ Influence the image and perception of the community
- ◇ Promote the general health, well-being, and safety of citizens

Over the years, the desire for recreation and open space has continued to grow and local communities across the world are finding it necessary to supply more park and recreational opportunities for their citizens.

Good planning is essential to making sure these services are provided in an efficient, effective manner and should be an important element of outdoor recreation and open space programs. Several important components of planning include:

keeping up with changing regulations, creating a schedule for improving existing facilities, deciding when and where to implement additional facilities, and identifying and adapting to meet evolving community needs.

The planning process is typically outlined and explained in a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP).

PURPOSE

The adoption of the CORP is required for the City of Tomah to remain eligible for cost-sharing aid programs administered through the State of Wisconsin. This document is intended to formally adopt the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan by the City of Tomah in 2026.

This plan is a cooperative effort based on resources from the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and input from staff and citizens. It is intended to guide the City in continuing to meet open space and recreation needs of its citizens for the next five years.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Determining goals and objectives is an important part of the planning process. People and groups use open space differently, which complicates the task of defining which goals and objectives best apply to a broad spectrum of conditions and programs. These goals and objectives are provided to guide City staff and officials in their decision-making process regarding open space and recreation matters. The goals set forth in this plan reflect the City's intention to provide quality parks and recreation opportunities to its citizens.

GOALS

Continually upgrade the parks to meet current safety standards and maintain ongoing necessary improvements.

Encourage City residents, users, and visitors to fully utilize all parks, trails and open recreational green spaces by continuing to improve our marketing.

Advocate for the community to partner in new programs, parks and facility improvements.

TO MEET THESE GOALS, THESE BROAD TARGETS WILL HELP DIRECT THE CITY'S EFFORT:

GOAL 1

Continually upgrade the parks to meet current safety standards and maintain ongoing necessary improvements.

Targets:

Review maintenance standards with staff to minimize their effort yet maintain useable parks. This may include reducing mowing in some parks.

Conduct a Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) playground audit identifying the deficiencies relative to current standards.

Develop a method for systematic funding of improvements from an operational and capital funding source. Where possible, increase staff, equipment, materials and renovation projects through the operating budget to sustain or improve the level of the maintenance of the parks.

Fund changes or upgrades to parks through the City's tax-supported capital improvement program, state grant programs, philanthropic foundations, service clubs, and private funding sources.

GOAL 2

Encourage City residents, users, and visitors to fully utilize all parks, trails and open recreational green spaces by continuing to improve our marketing.

Targets:

Expand promotion of the parks system in marketing, social media and publications. Utilize the parks through greater visibility as a branding tool.

GOAL 3

Advocate for the community to partner in new programs, parks and facility improvements.

Targets:

Develop a tax-deductible park fund to accept proceeds from fundraising events, donations, and grant matching efforts.

3.0

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

**TOMAH IS COMPOSED OF PHYSICAL,
SOCIAL, AND DEMOGRAPHIC PARTS
THAT WORK WELL TOGETHER.
THROUGH BETTER UNDERSTANDING
OF THESE PARTS, THE PARKS CAN
BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY
OVER TIME.**

General Descriptions

Tomah gets its name from a Fols Avion Indian Chief named Thomas Carron (1752 –1817), frequently referred to as Thomas, the European. Chief Carron was a friend and supporter of the early settlers of the region and in French, Thomas is pronounced Tomah.

The City of Tomah, located in west central Wisconsin, lies within Monroe County along the Interstate Highway 90/94 corridor. Tomah is 45 minutes east of La Crosse.

Being on the interstate corridor splitting to the northwest and southwest, Tomah is located in a unique location for a small city.

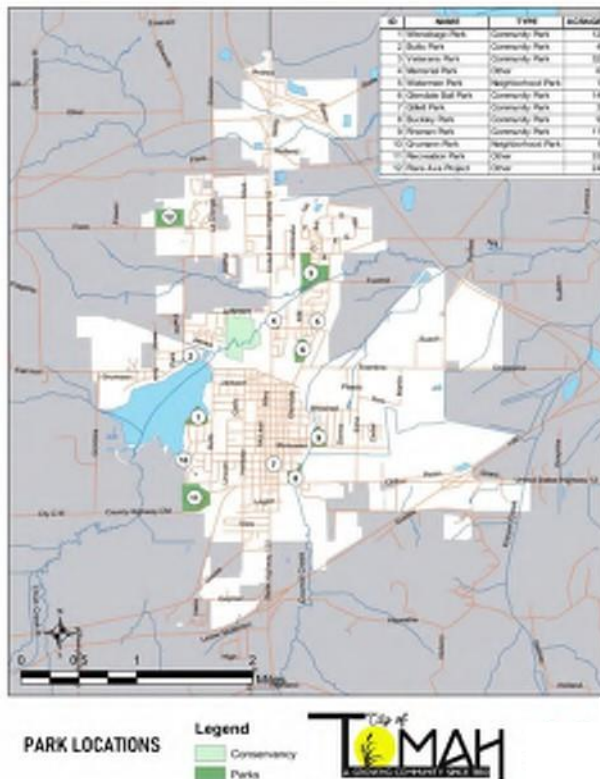
This proximity to the interstate corridor creates opportunities for promotion and establishes a regional destination for events and festivals.

Monroe County has a relatively average median household income of \$74,709 versus the national average of \$78,538. Tomah is significantly lower than the nation (Source: 2023 US Census Bureau quick facts)

The City of Tomah's population in 2023 was 9505, which is primarily a residential community and with strong health care, retail, commercial and manufacturing components, the City has a diversified economy with a stable population. The local economy serves regional commerce and national interstate commerce due to the connected highway system that will keep Tomah viable as a commercial and manufacturing hub for western Wisconsin (Source: US Census information quick facts.)

The Land and Water

The City of Tomah is generally a flat to gently rolling area of Western Wisconsin is located between the driftless area of southwest Wisconsin and the flat sandy area of the Glacial Lake Wisconsin area to the north and east of Tomah with the Lemonweir River as the largest flowing river in the City. The Lemonweir River bisects the community in a northeast to southwest direction. Lake Tomah is the primary natural water-based recreation center for the City of Tomah. Surprisingly, Lake Tomah only has two parks associated with the lake. Of those parks, Winnebago Park has the only park with boat access to the lake. Other smaller-boat launches are located off city streets at the end of Juneau Street and Lakeview Drive.



Age and Gender and Census information

Census figures show the 2023 median age of City of Tomah residents was 41.2 years old and the State of Wisconsin median age was 40.1 years old. This suggests the City is aging a little faster than the state. This is also common in other communities in Western Wisconsin. However, this trend is also becoming more of an issue in many other communities in Monroe County and the state as the “Baby Boomer” generation continues to age.

Women made up

49.1%

of Tomah’s population as compared to

49.9 %

of the population in the state of Wisconsin.

HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND INCOME

Housing in Tomah is primarily owner-occupied single-family homes.

The 2023 census American community survey revealed 4,350 households in Tomah. Fifty-Four percent of the homes are owner-occupied. The median value of a home in Tomah is \$162,900.

The median household income for Tomah families for 2023 was \$51,185, down from \$55,203 in 2022.

Source: US Census.Gov.

Tomah Schools and the joint use of facilities

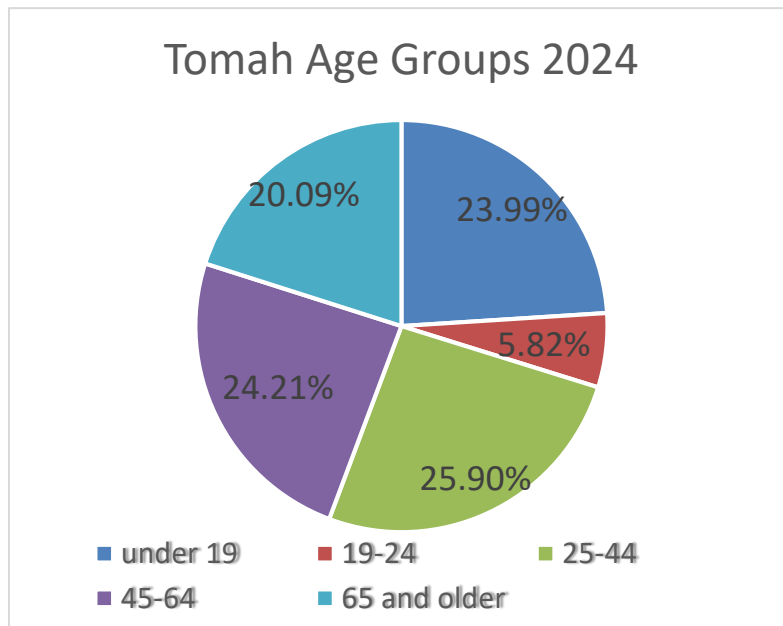
Tomah School District and the City of Tomah Parks and Recreation Department have a strong working relationship in sharing of facilities, fields, and parks.



TRENDS

Park Facility and Development Trends

In relation to park and recreation services needed within the community, Tomah has the following makeup based on size of family and age categories. This will help to better understand the need to have park facilities and recreational opportunities to best meet the needs of the current and future residents. From 2013-2017, the age groups were as follows:



As the City population ages, recreation and cultural activities will need to adapt. The aging population of communities will impact the use of parks over the next 20 years as birth rates decline and the bubble of “Baby Boomers” continues to age through society.

The group of residents age 45 to 65+ will maintain nearly 25% of the population in Tomah for the next 25 to 30 years.

This will be a key component when determining what services to provide and how funding is secured for improvements. In the past 30 years, most park development was focused on youth activities. As the general population ages, the trend will move towards more multi-generation facilities, including trail networks, social/community activities, and active aging considerations.

4.0

PARK SYSTEM STANDARDS

**UNDERSTANDING HOW THE
PARK SYSTEM COMPARES WITH
THE WORLD HELPS TO
JUSTIFY DECISIONS.**

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The following classifications provide an overview for the existing parks in the City of Tomah. These classifications are based on the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). The classifications can be used as a guideline for understanding what services are typically provided, as well as each area the park typically serves.

Neighborhood Park

Remains the basic unit of the park system, which serves as the recreational/ social focus of the neighborhood.

Location:

Service Area is between 1/4 and 1/2 mile in distance and should not be interrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.

Size:

Usually 2 -10 acres.

Tomah Neighborhood Parks:

Waterman, Grumann



Nature Area

Land set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open

Location:

Based on resource availability and opportunity.

Size:

Variable based on available land.

Tomah Nature Area:

Lemonweir Parkway



Special Use Park

Cover a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single- purpose use including multipurpose trails located within greenways, parks, and natural resource areas.

Location:

Variable-dependent on use.

Size:

Variable-based on available land.

Tomah Special Use Park:

Memorial Park Trails



Community Park

Broader service than Neighborhood Park. Focus is on meeting the community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.

Location:

Usually serves two or more neighborhoods at about a 1-mile distance.

Size:

As needed to accommodate desired uses, usually between 10 and 50 acres.

Tomah Community Parks:

Buckley, Bud' Ball Park, Butts, Firemen's, Gillett, Tomah Sports Complex, Veterans, Winnebago



Other Recreation Areas

Other recreation facilities which contribute to the public park and recreation system.

Location:

Variable-dependent on specific use.

Size:

Variable based on available land.

Tomah Recreation Area:

Recreation Park



Public School Open Space and Play Areas

Open space and play areas associated with or combined with a school site that fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as Mini-Park, or Neighborhood Park.

Location:

Determined by location of school district property.

Size:

Variable and depends on function.

Tomah Public School Open Space and Play Area:

Tomah School Property



RECREATION STANDARDS

Determining if community open space needs are being met can often be a challenging task. The process is often methodical and depends heavily on input from community residents, officials, and staff. The best guide available for use in this plan includes standards from the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). These standards represent minimum goals and are not applicable to all locations universally. It is also important to understand each community has unique social, cultural, economic, and geographic factors that may limit the legitimacy of the standards being applied.

Jurisdictional Standards

Recreational Lands Provided by the State----- 70 acres/1,000 persons

Recreational Lands Provided by the County -----15 acres/1,000 persons

Recreational Lands Provided by the Local Community----- 10 acres/1,000 persons

Recreational Lands Provided by the Private Sector -----5 acres/1,000 persons

Local communities should provide between 7 and 10.5 acres of park and open space per 1,000 persons.

As of the 2019 census, the **City of Tomah** currently provides **251 acres of park, recreation, and open space equaling 26.75 acres per 1,000 residents. That is 3 times the national average.**

Tomah is very fortunate to have significant open space under the City's jurisdiction.

The local school contributes 34.8 acres of outdoor recreational facilities to this total.

City of Tomah

Comparison to NRPA Standards

Park Type	NRPA Standard (Acres) per 1,000 Residents	Total Acres by Classification	Tomah Park Acreage per 1,000 Residents
Mini Parks	0.25-0.5	0	N/A
Neighborhood Parks	1 to 2	2.2	.23
Community Parks	5 to 8	153.8	16.4
Special Use Parks	No Standard Given	2.5	.26
Nature Areas	No Standard Given	80	8.5
Other Recreation Area	No Standard Given	36.4	3.8
School Park and Open Space	No Standard Given	34.8	3.7

Community Population 2023 ACS Census	Population	Acres Per 1,000 (7-10.5 Acres Per 1,000 NPRA Standard)
Sparta	10,030	26.8
Tomah	9,505	29.2
Portage	10,580	14.41

Regional Average—23.47 Acres per 1,000 Residence

Service Area Evaluation

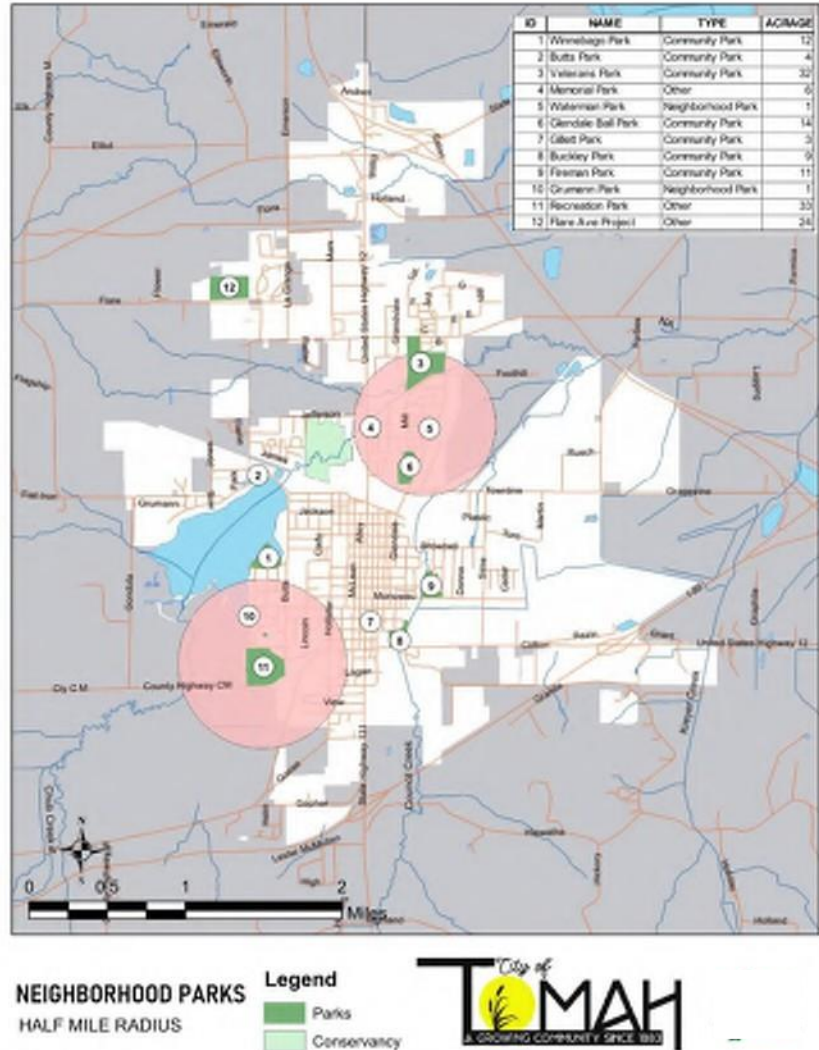
While demographics, density of population, and specific park uses may dictate the actual service and use of a specific park, service areas can also be measured by park classification.

A typical service area map provides service area radii for each existing park type. Park service radii have been utilized per the NRPA standards.

Mini Park	1/4 Mile Radius
Neighborhood Parks	1/2 Mile Radius
Community Parks	1 Mile Radius
Nature Areas	1/2 Mile Radius

The following map provides locations of each existing park type. Additional maps show the radius from the two neighborhood parks and all the community parks.

Presently, the existing neighborhood park locations are not serving all the neighborhoods



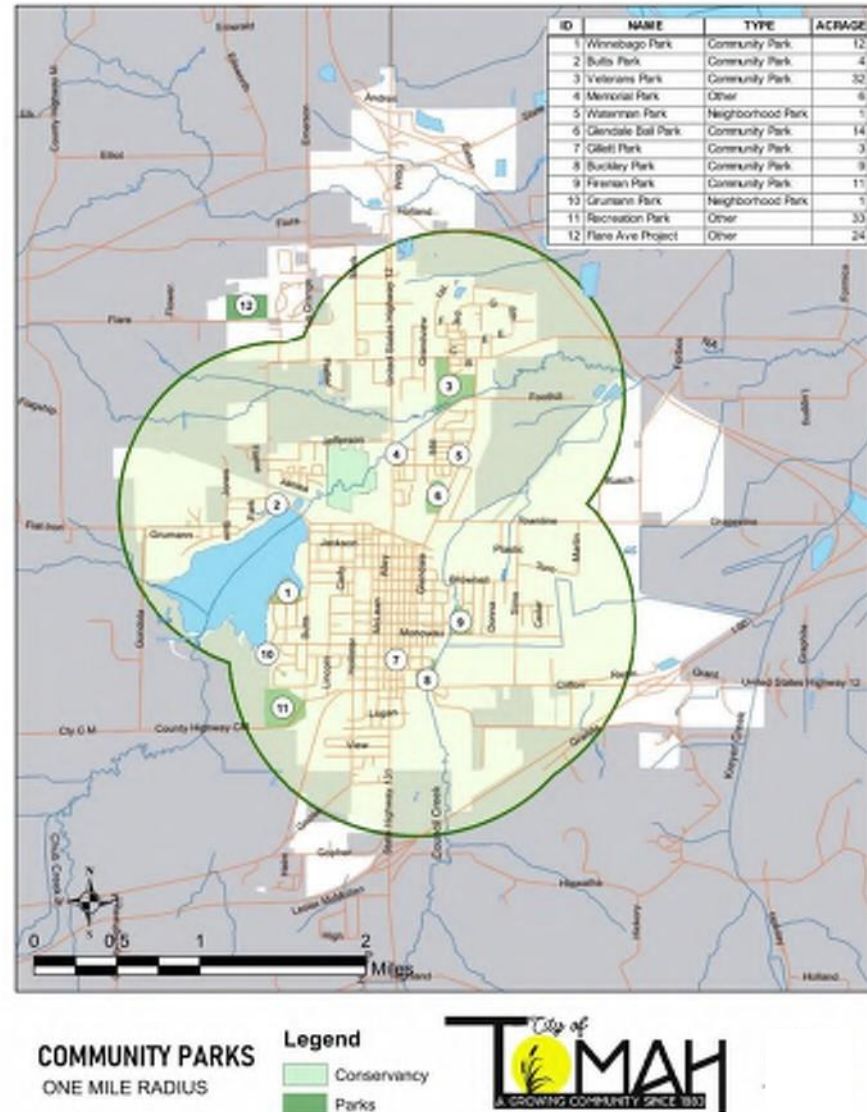
This map shows the service radius of 1/2 mile from the two existing neighborhood parks. Tomah has sufficient community parks to serve most of the city but does not meet NRPA guidelines for neighborhood parks.

Service Area Evaluation

Tomah's community park distribution provides sufficient service area coverage for the community except for the northwest area of the City. With the rapid development of residential housing in the area, the completion of the Flare Ave Park should be a high priority for the community. As part of an ongoing plan for trail expansion, Flare Ave Park should provide for trail connectivity to the neighborhood and to other community parks.

As evident on the community park service area map, the distribution of community parks in the City of Tomah should consider several key elements in park planning.

- 1) Provide community parks within a 1-mile radius of each other.
- 2) Consider the barriers to going to a park. High traffic volume roads form an impediment to walking from a specific neighborhood to the closest community parks. For the most part, the distribution of the community parks give opportunity to each neighborhood to access a community park. Consideration is to develop facilities that serve the neighborhood needs as well as community needs. Buckley Park is an example of a park that serves both needs.
- 3) Avoid duplication of services within close proximity to other parks. For example, there is a duplication of playground equipment in Buckley and Gillett Parks. Consideration should be to look at the purpose of Gillett Park as a downtown park and expand the civic and cultural opportunities afforded to a park in that location. Improvements to the Buckley play area should be completed and possibly an upgrade in surfacing and adding tot equipment. This type of evaluation should be considered for improvements or upgrades to a community park. An example of parks not duplicating service is in the northeast area of Tomah. Veteran, Glendale, Memorial and Waterman Parks all represent a different purpose and generally do not duplicate services.



5.0

PARK INVENTORY

**IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD,
IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW
WHAT YOU HAVE.**

The following pages list the elements present at the parks in Tomah. Condition is not a factor in this inventory. It should be noted that the playground equipment throughout the parks need to be improved to meet current Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - 2023.

Bud's Ball Park

Baseball/Softball Field
Bleachers
Lights
Dugouts
6 Picnic Tables
Playground

Buckley Park

Aquatic Center
Parking Lot
Entry Sign
Splash Pad
Log Cabin
Playground (no surfacing)
6 Picnic Table

Butts Park

Park Sign
Parking Lot
2 Stone Duck houses
4 Benches
10 Picnic tables
Grill
6 Sided Open Shelter
Log Shelter
2 Planters with donor information
Precast Restroom
Inclusive Playground
Free Library
Dog Waste Collection Area
Accessible Fishing Pier
2 Boat Docks

Firemen's Park

2 Park Sign with Planter
 Flagpole
 Precast Concrete Restroom
 Multi-use Fields
 Marked Parking lot
 3 Unmarked Parking Lots
 4 Horseshoe Pits
 40' x 40' Enclosed Shelter
 with Attached 30' x30' Open
 Shelter
 40' x 30' Open Shelter
 72' x 30' Enclosed
 Shelter 18'x18' Open
 Inclusive Playground
 Bridge
 Skate Park
 2000' Recreational
 28 Picnic Tables
 Disc Golf Course

Gillett Park

Park Sign
 Bandshell
 Concrete Spray Fountain
 Historical School House
 Flower Planter
 Garden with Concrete Planter
 1 Large Modular Play Unit
 1 Small Modular Play Unit
 10 Picnic Tables
 Fiberglass Lions Drinking Fountain
 Comfort Station Public Restroom

Grumann Park

Park Sign
 Pavillion
 Modular Play Structure
 4 Picnic tables

Memorial Park

Park Sign
 Electronic Message Center
 3 Donor Plaques
 Memorial Stone
 Bomb Casing Display
 Open Shelter
 2 Cement Waste Containers
 Veterans Memorial
 Minuteman Display
 3 Flag Poles
 Tank Display
 Concrete Restroom
 Asphalt Trail
 Trail Signs
 Dog Waste Station
 Stone Bench
 8 Picnic Tables
 Modular Playground
 Free Library

Recreation Park

Large Park Sign
 Small Message Sign
 Themed Playground
 Ice Center
 Recreation Building
 Exhibit Building
 Farm Progress Building
 “The County Barn” Building
 Progress Pull 80’ Building
 Agventure Pavillion
 Large Event Facility (Grounds)
 Full Facility Fencing
 2 Grandstands
 3 Event Buildings
 Log Cabin
 10 Security Pole lights
 Multiple Power Distributions Area
 Paved and Unpaved Parking Areas

Recreation Station

Meeting Room
 Indoor Play Area
 Restrooms
 Parking lot
 2 Picnic Tables

Tomah Sports Complex**(Flare Ave.)**

Baseball Field with Field Turf Infield
 Baseball Field
 Practice Field
 4 Dugouts
 Lighting on Main Field
 Concession Stand with:

- Press Box
- Bathrooms
- Open Shelter

Gravel Parking Lot

Potential Improvements to Consider:

Indoor Recreation Center
 Aquatic Center
 Athletic Fields
 Trails
 Paved Parking Lots
 Outdoor Playground
 Outdoor Hard Court

Veterans Park

Park Sign
 Concrete Planter
 “Youth Soccer” Sign
 Fenced Dog Park
 Modular Playground
 Pavillion
 2 Paved Parking Areas
 Bathroom and Concession Stand
 Nature Trails
 Irrigated Soccer Fields
 Soccer Storage Shed
 10 Picnic Tables

Waterman Park

Park Sign
 Concrete Planter
 3 Picnic Tables
 1 In-Ground Table
 1 Aluminum Bench
 Modular Playground

Winnebago Park

East Entry Area

4 Horseshoe Pits
1 Sand Volleyball Court
Fitness Park
Basketball Court with 6 Hoops
Stone Sign
4 Metal Benches
2 Picnic Tables
Security Lights
Parking Lot

Main Park

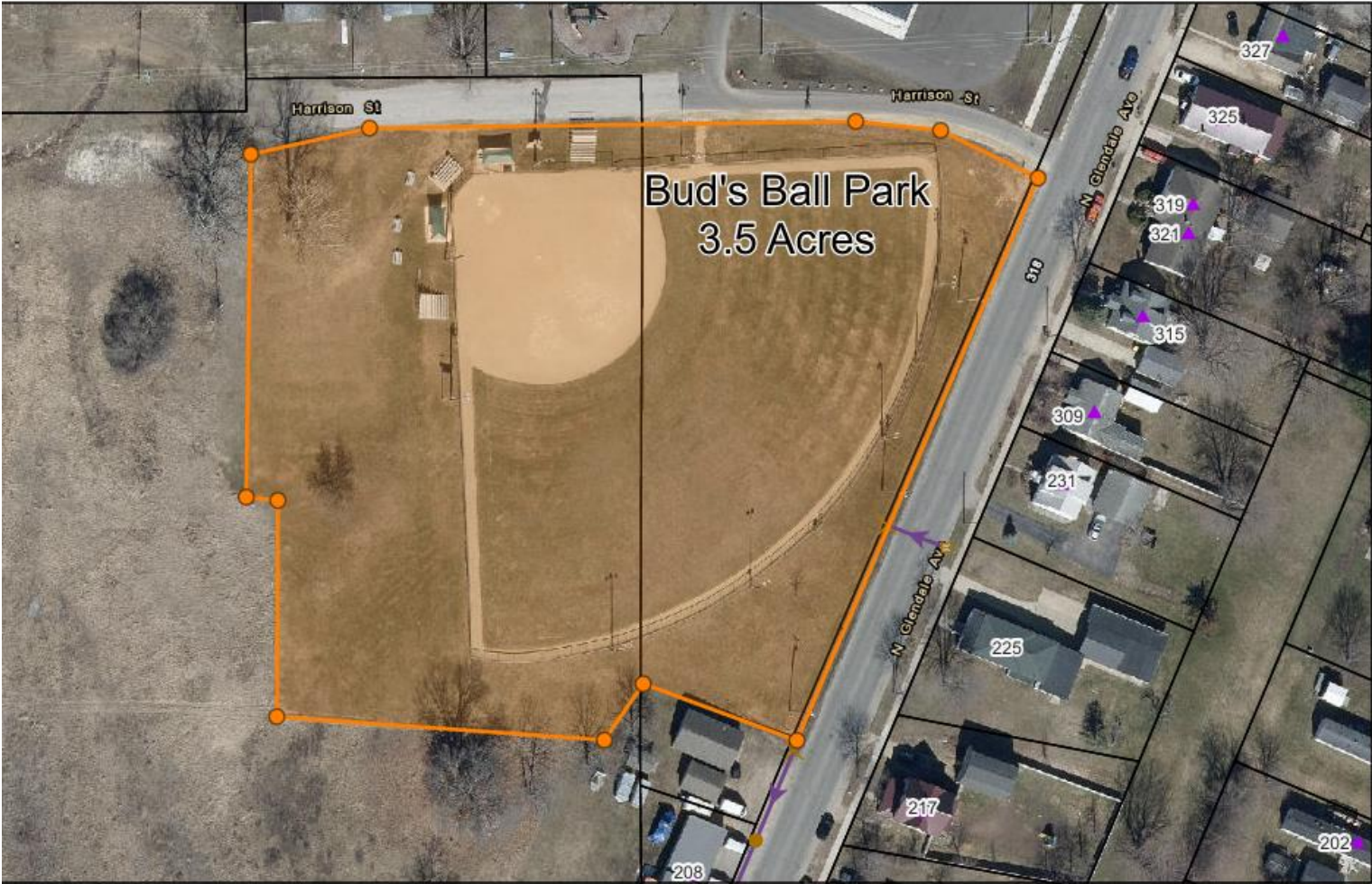
Park Sign
Concrete Planter
Enclosed Shelter
2 At Grade Play Areas
Music Park
Concrete Restroom
Boat Launch
4 Piers/Docks
20 Picnic Tables
Assessable Fishing Pier
2 Open Air Pavilions
Parking areas
Asphalt Trail
Assessable Kayak Launch

AERIAL PHOTOS provide the context for the park.

It gives an idea of **HOW LARGE** the park is,
NATURAL FEATURES, Tree **CANOPY** and major park **AMENITIES**.

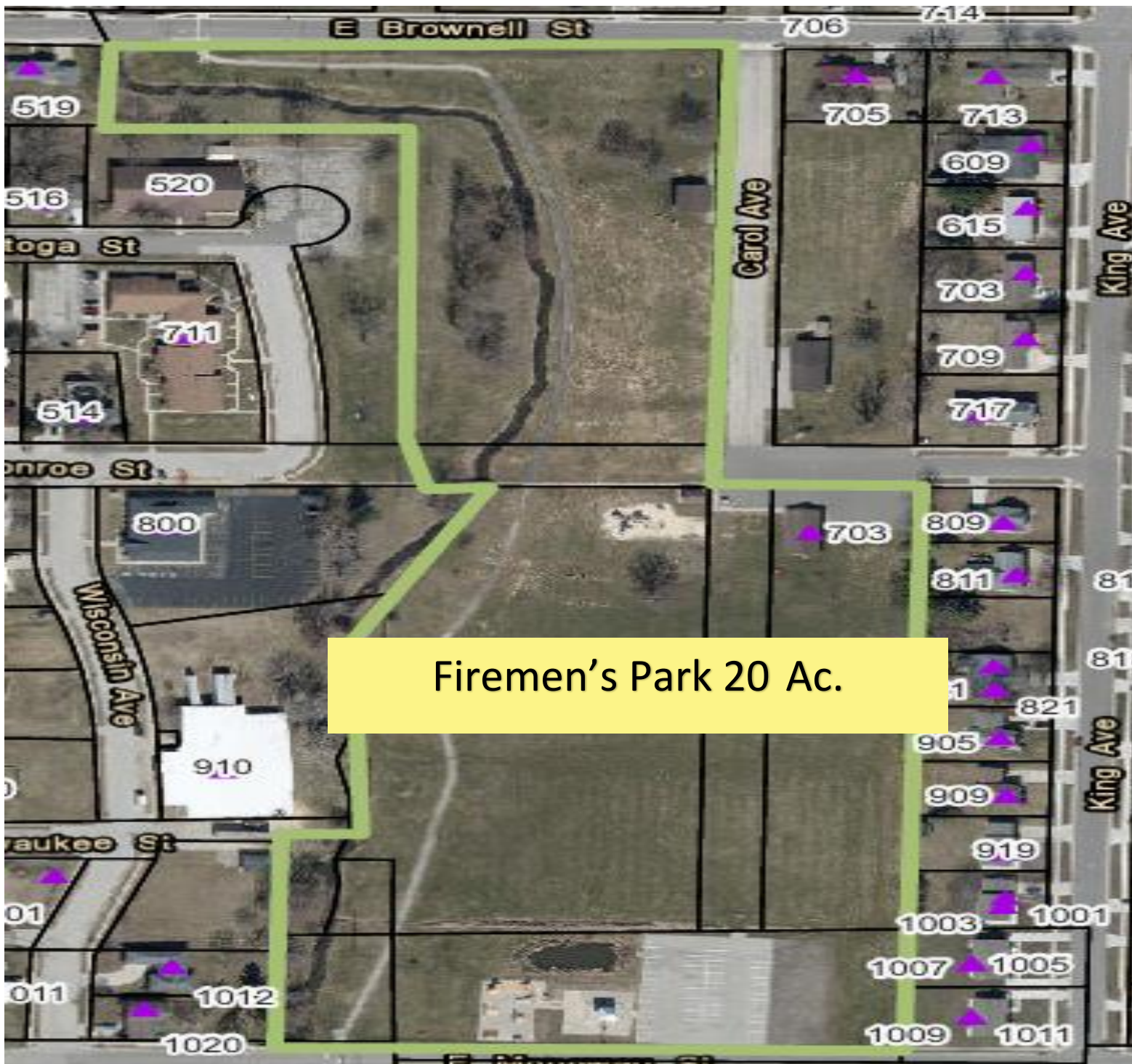
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of the Tomah Parks.

Buds Ball Park





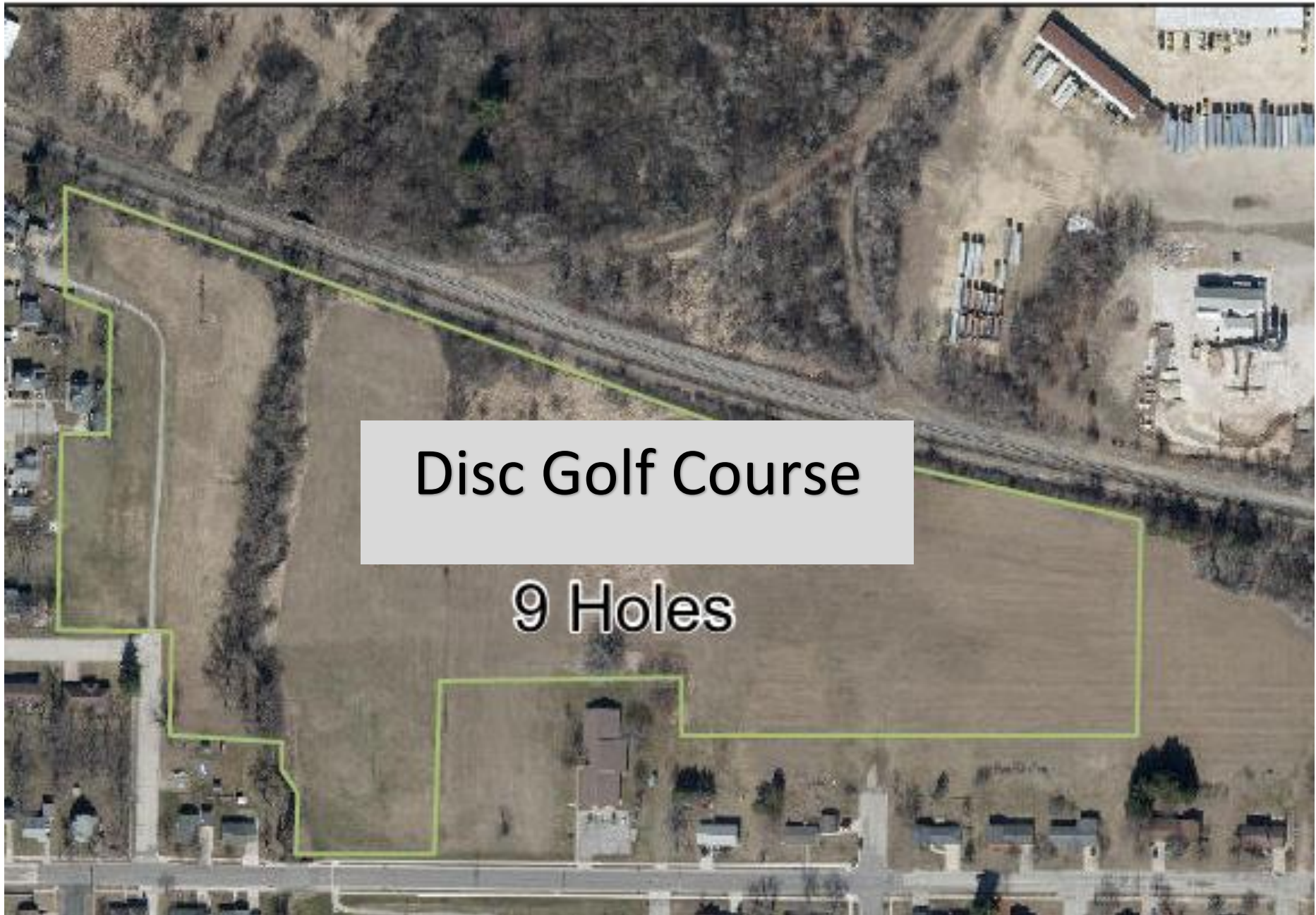




Firemen's Park 20 Ac.

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Firemen's Park Disc Golf Course



Gillett Park (2.55 Ac.)





Grumann Park

.26 Ac

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Memorial Park (2.51 Ac.)



Recreation Park (36.41 Ac.)

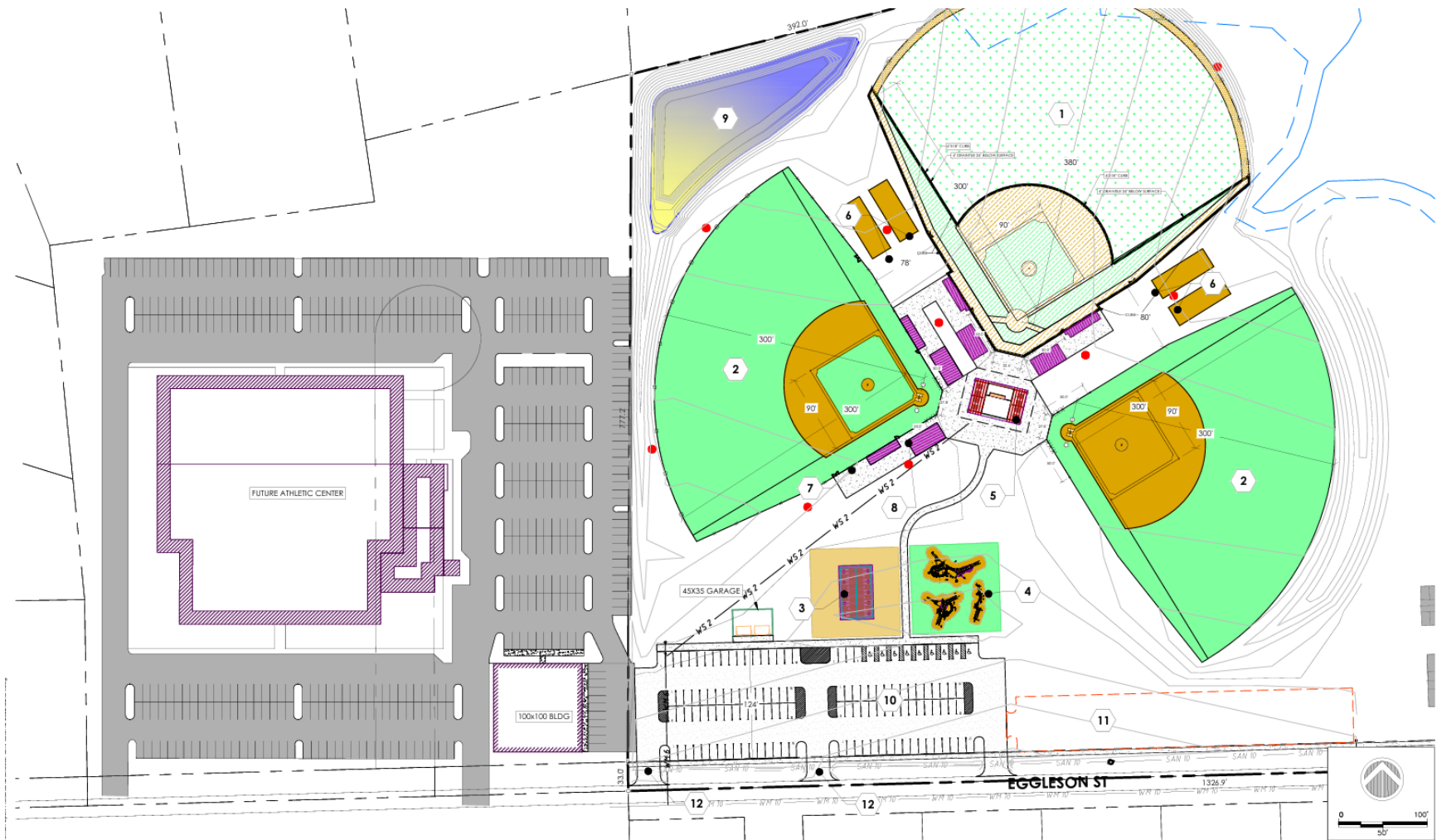


Recreation Station





Tomah Sports Complex (Flare Ave.) 60.72 Ac.









6.0

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

DECISION MAKING IS A SHARED
RESPONSIBILITY WHICH AIDS IN
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE
PARKS.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A community's needs assessment plays a large role in discovering the community's most critical recreation opportunities and developing an understanding of the exact needs of the community. The needs gathering process may also provide insight into how the existing recreation services are being utilized and/or which facilities or programs are being avoided.

Conducting a needs assessment generally utilizes two basic methods: public input and recreation standards. This plan has developed an understanding of current recreation needs through an array of public input; including user group input and public meetings. Advisory Parks, Committees and staff input also provided hands-on information regarding several existing and proposed recreational needs.



PARKS COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

The Park and Recreation Commission advises the City Administrator and the City Council on all matters of administration and management relating to parks, recreation, and open spaces in the City of Tomah.

The Parks and Recreation Commission is comprised of six community members and two City Council members. The Commission advises and assists in the planning and development of the Tomah Parks and Recreation Department. This oversight includes improvements and operations of parks, open spaces, athletic fields, and other related areas.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

The public process in this CORP was carried out to reflect that this plan was completely rewritten a few years ago, and this iteration is a four-year update. Tomah has gathered significant public input over the past two years for comprehensive planning, downtown revitalization and performed regular check-ins with our public to ensure quality provision of public services. We felt that a limited approach to public input for this plan would be appropriate. Information gathered from regular public engagements gave our team a solid perspective of what the issues are within the community

Additionally, on April 27th, 2026, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and City staff conducted a public informational workshop for the CORP. We garnered input on each park as well as direction for the entire park system.

The major takeaway from the meeting was discussion about park needs, especially within the Downtown area. The need to improve accessibility and accessible routes to facilities within each park, and the maintenance issues that continue. **This input has generated significant discussion about the character and location of both Buckley and Gillette Park. We also discussed trail maintenance, especially as it pertains to natural disasters and stormwater deterioration. The public appeared to provide significant support for an indoor sports complex at the Flare Avenue site.** We address these issues in Chapter 7.

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RECOMENDATIONS

HOW TO MOVE THE
PLAN FORWARD.

RECREATION STANDARDS

Recreation standards are another method to determine a community's recreation needs. The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has developed standards for both public open space and actual facilities to meet the recreation needs of the City.

The Tomah park system is best improved with a thoughtful and planned approach. As the City approaches a new Comprehensive Plan or is considering updates to the current plan, the growth of the parks system needs to be part of that process. Community planning includes a process of evaluating the community park needs.

Local priorities in concert with national standards is the starting point to the growth of the park system. If there are opportunities to quantify the activities occurring in the parks, that will set the best baseline for whether parks are serving the needs of the community. There is a constant need to build data which can be used in planning for either park facilities or recreational services. These systems can be very simple and still work.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

The fundamental purpose of a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is to guide the City in the development of lands and facilities, both existing and future, to satisfy the out-door recreation and open space needs of the residents and visitors of Tomah. The recommendations listed below are based on information gathered from the outdoor recreation needs assessment. This includes public input from formal and informal meetings, citizen/public meetings and needs assessment surveys. Needs standards are often also addressed in preparing recommendations for outdoor recreation provisions. These standards, however, express minimum suggestions and do not apply to the City's needs or gathered input. The standards, therefore, should not hinder the future improvement of land or facilities for outdoor recreation.

The following are general recommendations aimed at satisfying needs for development and general improvements.

Park System Planning: It is of vital importance that the City of Tomah develop each park and facility with the Comprehensive Plan in mind in order to maintain a unified approach to addressing the community's needs. Current and future parks should have a Master Plan that provides direction in development, maintenance, and programming. Future planning of the City's park system should keep in mind that the highest valued and most used community and recreational parks shall take a priority for development. With the Master Plan for Winnebago Park being complete, other high use facilities should have a Master Plan developed before any additional improvements are scheduled. Master Plans should be completed for Recreation Park, Buckley Park and the future Flare Ave Park. Master planning for each individual park should also be viewed as an important element of successful long-term planning for the entire park system.

Acquisition and Development of Park Land:

The City has adequate lands to meet the needs of the entire community. The size of the City and the distribution of parks throughout the City are more than adequate to give each resident access to outdoor recreation. In each category of parks, according to guidelines of the NRPA, the number and distribution of neighborhood parks does not meet the guidelines.

Neighborhood parks are intended to offer open space areas to neighbors within a 1/2 mile radius of each other and be relatively evenly distributed throughout the community. The only areas served by this type of facilities are Grumann Park, which is west of Highway 12 and north of Clifton Ave, and Waterman Park, which is in the neighborhood east of Highway 12 and north of the railroad tracks. This leaves approximately 75% of the community underserved by neighborhood parks.

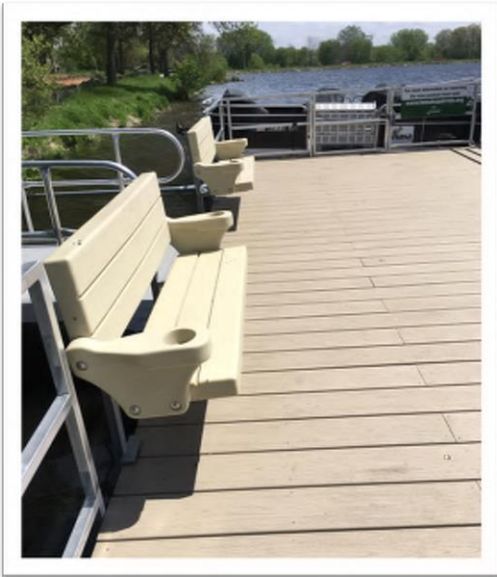
The City should consider acquiring vacant land in the older neighborhoods to help distribute the neighborhood park facilities throughout Tomah.

Parkland Dedication Ordinance: Tomah does have a parkland dedication ordinance. In Tomah, this has been called an Impact fee but accomplished the same goal. This type of ordinance will allow the City to begin to meet the neighborhood park needs of the community in new development areas, which would begin to distribute neighborhood park land into the outer areas of the community. It is prudent to review each development plan in terms of how it can be integrated into, provide benefit to, or is linked to present park facilities. This will continue to be a critical piece to develop a walking community linked with logical and safe connections to the community parks.

Private Recreation Areas and Facilities: The City should encourage development of specialized facilities operated by private and/or the non-profit sector. Specialized facilities (miniature golf, indoor athletic venues, etc.) are an important enhancement to public recreational facilities. Quality and availability for public use should be emphasized.

In addition, the City should look to develop partnership opportunities with the private and/or non-profit sectors. Through partnerships, development and acquisition opportunities may be enhanced, which could allow for the preservation of resources and the access to resources that have not been previously available to residents and visitors.

Accessibility Guidelines: The City of Tomah has not audited their outdoor parks and recreational facilities for compliance with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1997. As new facilities develop it is important to apply the current standards to any and all improvements. The most current information and direction came forward with the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) in 2010. In CBS Squared, Inc.'s review and inventory of the City park facilities, many non-compliant conditions exist with the parks. Some recent improvements now meet the ADA guidelines, but most of the existing pavilion, restroom, playground and other park elements do not meet current guidelines



This report is not an attempt to quantify this deficiency and describe corrective measures. The City should contract with a qualified firm to complete an ADA audit of all City facilities, including parks and recreation facilities, to assist in identifying and prioritizing areas of non-compliance.

The City should strive to exceed all Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and address all issues in an aggressive manner. Any park or facility constructed after 2010 must comply with the ADA Standards for Accessible Design, Department of Justice, September 15, 2010.

Service Group Involvement: The City has done a good job of cooperating and working with local businesses, along with service and advocacy groups in relation to developing and maintaining parks and recreation facilities. Traditionally, service groups have played an important role in developing pedestrian/bicycle trails, beautification projects, athletic facilities, park maintenance, and financial support for public improvements. The City should strive to enhance those relationships to obtain more formal relationships and partnerships.

Federal and State Aid Programs: The City should start to take advantage of state and federal financial and technical assistance programs designed to assist the community in meeting park and recreation needs. To maintain eligibility for such programs, the City's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) should be updated every five (5) years.

Preservation/Conservation: In addition to providing space and facilities for leisure activities, park systems should include conservation and preservation measures. The preservation of natural resources and the prudent management of the environment are goals that every community should strive to achieve. Policies discouraging the development of wetlands, floodplains, areas of steep slopes, and other environmentally sensitive areas should be established or where already enacted, should be strictly enforced. Presently the City of Tomah has a Conservancy established along the Lemonweir River with a trail bisecting the property.

Tree City USA: The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees. More than 3,400 communities have made the commitment to becoming a Tree City USA. Tomah is not yet a designated Tree City USA community. This designation can be useful to the community to show the citizens that the City is looking to manage one of its most valued resources.

To qualify for a Tree City USA designation the City must:

1. Establish a tree board or department.
2. Develop a tree care ordinance.
3. Commit to a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita.
4. Hold an Arbor Day observation and proclamation.

Source: American Arborist Society

Playground Improvements: The Tomah park playgrounds are at a point where many playgrounds have reached the 20+ year mark. This is typically the benchmark for when a playground is reaching its life expectancy. Staff should begin to implement a replacement plan



(within the Capital Improvement Plan) for playgrounds to ensure playgrounds are safe and will not begin to cost the City large sums of money in repairs or become a liability.

City parks typically do not need large play structures, as the volume of children on the structures at one time is typically not near the equipment's design capacity. Park playground user groups are usually one to five families at a time, with children in multiple age groups. From a liability perspective, it is important not to have young children on equipment outside of their design age.

Each park needs to have a separate 6mos to 5 play element and we would recommend that the older children have a mix of free standing equipment that challenges two to three motor skills. This will be more affordable in the long run.

Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Development:

The City of Tomah is in the process in 2026 to formalize an approach to developing a trail system. Trails are year-round facilities that encourage a healthy community and give opportunities for social engagement. A successful plan would be a multimodal trail system that develops either a combined off-street recreation trail or a separate system that offers an on-street bike route and off-street walking trail. The focus of the trail system is to connect the parks and different areas of the City together. Sidewalks can be part of the walking route as well.

During discussion with City staff, the idea of a trail system integrated into Tomah was identified as an opportunity. To further examine this opportunity, the City should prepare an overall plan for developing bicycle and pedestrian trails throughout the City and integrating it with Monroe County and the larger state trail system.

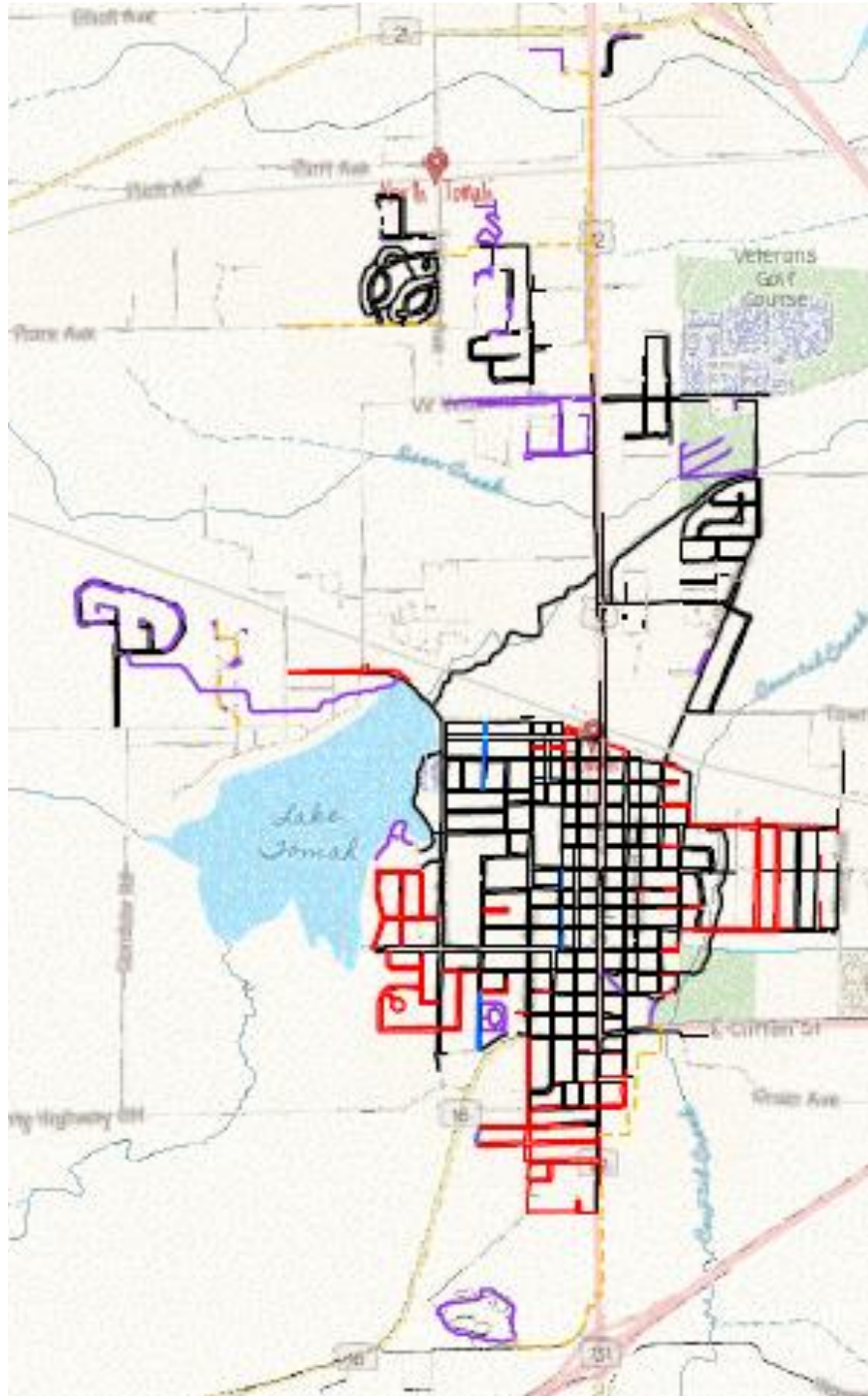
Trails are the thread that stitches the community together and can have an amazing impact on a community. Planning is crucial so that as development occurs, opportunities are not lost to expand and connect a developing trail system. The City should take additional action in planning and better designating bicycle routes within the City with signage on trails and roadways, brochures, and maps. Tomah has a linear trail system that runs from the northern shore of Lake Tomah to Veterans Street on the north, which then comes south to Buckley Park at Highway 12. The trails are mostly paved with the exception of a section in Veterans Park.

Presently the City has four trail heads: Jefferson Street,

Williams Street, Winnebago Park and Buckley Park.

The City needs to continue to engage bicycle and walking groups with goal of developing advocates for trails throughout Tomah.





The City is working to extend the trails system to the north and south. The northern extension is to connect to the hotels near the Interstate 94 interchange. Another trail expansion is intended to continue south of the Aquatic Center, through a presently open area, to Center Street and onto the Tomah Health campus. These extensions will add an additional 2 miles to the already 5-mile trail system.

Tomah Bike / Ped Facilities

Pedestrian Facilities

- 2017
- 2020
- 2026
- - - Planned
- Other/Unknown

Water Resources:

The City of Tomah has a significant lake within its borders that provides many recreational opportunities. Additionally, there is the Lemonweir River and three small streams: Deer Creek, Council Creek and Keyer Creek.

The Lemonweir River is a small flatwater river with logjams and sandbars that flows through Jefferson and Monroe counties. The river is dammed and forms the Lake Tomah impoundment. Lake Tomah is a 245-acre lake with a maximum depth of 19 feet. Common fishing trips will yield Panfish, Largemouth Bass and Northern pike.

Lake Tomah has two community parks on its shoreline: Butts Park and Winnebago Park. The northern shoreland has a paved trail connecting Butts Park to Winnebago Park. A walking trail follows Lemonweir River to the northwest through the Lemonweir parkway, a nature conservancy.

Lake Tomah and rivers flowing through Tomah are valuable assets to the City. Consideration should be given to providing a connective access to these resources and to expand the access into the Lemonweir Conservancy area.

Developing a friend's group for the lake and rivers of the community will create advocates for how to manage these resource Presently, the City has a Lake Committee to help with improvements to Lake Tomah



Municipal/School District Cooperation:

The City currently has a positive working relationships with the Tomah School District. City staff should continue to maintain effective communication with the local schools and continue to investigate new and creative ways of partnering with them to effectively utilize resources for the benefit of their residents and community.

Program Consideration: One of the fundamental objectives of the City is to provide a variety of park and recreational programs for the community. These quality park and recreational programs encourage public use and enjoyment of the City's facilities, enhances leisure time through the development of individual skills and interaction of community residents, and provides opportunities for healthier lifestyles.

In order to accomplish this, several programming considerations should be addressed. Adequate athletic fields and open space will need to be further developed within the community to accommodate current and future recreation. There is also a need to secure partnerships and use agreements with facility user groups.

The City of Tomah should conduct periodic analysis surveys and evaluations of the community's park and recreational preferences, needs, and trends to ensure that programs and facilities offered are of the type and quality that residents desire and that the necessary space and facilities are acquired and developed to current standards.

Funding Consideration/Financial

Sustainability: An essential component to implementing park and recreation projects is the ability to financially support or fund the project. There are multiple methods for financing a project such as, general revenues (taxes), user fees, general obligation bonds, special assessments, state and federal grants, park land dedication fees, donations, and sponsorships. Each method should be carefully analyzed to determine the best method for making the project a reality, while considering the best interests of the community and taxpayer.

While actively pursuing development or renovation projects, the City needs to weigh its ability to financially sustain its infrastructure. The more parks and facilities are created, the more strain it puts on the department staff and its ability to financially maintain its infrastructure. The City needs to understand the delicate balance between advancing park and facility development, with its ability to financially support its long-term maintenance. As more facilities are created, renovated, and/or improved, the City will need to determine how to fund these projects and maintain its infrastructure. Either an increase in staffing or increase in contractual services may be required if the City wants to maintain clean, healthy, aesthetically pleasing, and safe facilities.

Fees and Charges:

The City of Tomah has a good opportunity to generate revenue through the park system.

Rental of shelters and Recreation Park is the primary method of capturing some cost for operation.

The City traditionally charged fees for use of many of its facilities. User fees for facility rentals can become a significant revenue source for the City. Currently the City collects revenues that help to offset what is currently 20% of the Parks and Recreation Department budget. Fees and charges serve not only to help offset the tax dollars necessary to maintain the programs, services, and facilities, but also help to manage the use and consumption of these services. The City needs to continually monitor the level of its fees to ensure that they are not prohibitive to the residents and work in concert with the City in the funding of tax dollars necessary to maintain and/or replace existing facilities. New facilities should consider the implementation of user fees to avoid negatively impacting other City services. Tomah is known for its parks. There should be an avenue to raise funds to improve the City parks. A park foundation established as a 501c3 tax deductible nonprofit account can be utilized to improve parks through fundraising, special events, endowments, bequeaths for estates, contributions from businesses or private parties.



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

**FUNDING MOST PARK IMPROVEMENTS
COME FROM MULTIPLE FUNDING
SOURCES. THIS PLAN WILL IDENTIFY
SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITIES
AVAILABLE.**

Capital Planning

This chapter defines the strategy necessary to have a long-term approach to improving and sustaining the community parks. Only long-term strategic planning can drive the development and vision for the City parks.

Buckley Park		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Aquatic Center Repair or Alternate Recreational Opportunities	TBD	X		
Total	TBD			

Butts Park		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Expand parking lot	\$100,000	X	X	
Total	\$ 100,000			
* 2026 Cost				

Tomah Sport Complex		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Recreation Center	40,000,000	X		
Pave Parking Lot	\$200,000	X		
Trails	\$100,000	X		
Total	40,300,000			

Firemen's Park		Short-term (1-5Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Shelter Doors	\$15,000	X		
Basketball Courts	\$30,000	X		
Skate Park Upgrades	\$75,000		X	
Total	\$ 120,000.00			
* 2026 Cost				

Grumann Park		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Playground Upgrade	\$75,000.00			x
Total	\$ 75,000.00			
* 2026 Cost				

Gillett Park		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Playground upgrade	\$250,000		X	
Red School House upgrade (Roof, Electrical, HVAC)	\$20,000	X		
Total	\$ 270,000			
* 2026 Cost				

Veterans Park		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Dog Park upgrade	\$15,000	X		
Shelter upgrade	\$40,000		X	
Total	\$ 55,000			

Recreation Park		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Ice Center roof	\$300,000	X		
Paving around Exhibit Building	\$150,000	X		
Recreation Building roof repair	\$100,000	X		
Grandstands upgrades	\$250,000		X	
HVAC upgrades	\$50,000			
Total	\$ 850,000			
* 2026 Cost				

Recreation Station		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Doors	\$50,000	X		
Insulation	\$25,000		X	
Total	\$75,000			
* 2026 Cost				

Waterman Park		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST*			
Playground surfacing	\$20,000		X	
Total	\$ 20,000			
* 2026 Cost				

Winnebago Park		Short-term (1-5 Years) High Priority	Mid-term (6-10 Years) Medium Priority	Long-term (10 Years +) Low Priority
GENERAL	ESTIMATED COST			
Enclosed Shelter upgrades(Doors, HVAC,)	\$40,000	X		
Winnebago Wonderland Upgrade	\$500,000		X	
Total	\$540,000			
* 2026 Cost				



FUNDING PROGRAMS

The identification of existing and potential funding programs is included to help City officials in the implementation phase of the plan. Funding sources are available in a variety of forms such as bonds, donations, federal and state grants, and loans. Further information can be obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Community Services Specialists for the appropriate state district. It should be noted that although it is desirable to acquire funding sources from grants and other non-local sources, the City should also consider its ability to submit the necessary grant application materials, administer the grant, maintain the necessary documentation as required by the grant, fund any required match, maintain the improvement or program, and consider any long-term obligations or restrictions on the City property where the funding is used.

POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

Potential grants that may benefit the City of Tomah

STATE OF WISCONSIN GRANTS
WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
Acquisition & Development of Local Parks (Stewardship)
Acquisition of Development Rights (Stewardship)
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Grants
Boat Patrol Grants
Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program
Brownfield Site Assessment/Green Space/Public Facilities Grants
Clean Water Fund Program
Friends of State Parks (Stewardship)
Gypsy Moth Suppression Program
Habitat Area (Stewardship)
Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program (Multiple)
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
Local Water Quality Management Planning Aids
Municipal Flood Control
Natural Areas (Stewardship)
Non-point Targeted Runoff Management
Recreational Boating Facilities Grant Program
Recreational Trails Grant Program (Fed Highway Administration)
River Protection and Planning Grant Programs
Sport Fish Restoration (SFR)
State Trails (Stewardship)
State Wildlife Grants Program (Stewardship)
Streambank Protection (Stewardship)
Urban Forestry Assistance Grants
Urban Green Space (Stewardship)

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Urban Rivers (Stewardship)
WI Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)
Community Based Economic Development Program (Multiple)
Community Development Block Grants (Multiple)
WI Department of Administration (DOA)
Coastal Management Grants
Comprehensive Planning Grants
WI Department of Transportation (DOT)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Program
Harbor Assistance Program
Local Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program
Safe Routes to School
Surface Transportation Program – Urban
Transportation Economic Assistance (TEA)
Wisconsin State Infrastructure Bank (Loan Program)
FEDERAL GRANTS
US Army Corp of Engineers
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration and Protection Grants
US Environmental Protection Agency
Brownfield Clean Up Grant
Clean Water State Revolving Fund
EPA Environmental Education Grant Program
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (Through 2014)
US Fish and Wildlife Service
North American Wetlands Conservation Fund
PRIVATE/NON-PROFIT GRANTS
Bikes Belong Coalition
Bikes Belong Grant Program
Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin
C.D. Besadny Conservation Grant (small grants only)
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program
Native Plant Conservation Initiative
Sustain our Great Lakes Program
Eastman Kodak, etc.
Kodak American Greenways Program

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

There are available sources for funding outside of state and federal programs as well. Substantial funding has come from private foundations, donations, trust funds, and civic organizations in the past for the development of outdoor recreation.

ELIGIBILITY

“Eligible local governments are only those towns, villages, cities, counties, and tribal governments that have a Department approved Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan or Master Plan which has been approved by resolution by the local governing unit or a plan of a higher unit of government. Local governments with qualifying plans receive eligibility to apply for grants for five years.”

Source: (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>)

DNR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

In general, eligible projects include land acquisition, development, and renovation projects for “nature-based outdoor recreation” purposes. Decisions by the department (DNR) as to whether a particular project activity is “nature-based outdoor recreation” are made on a case-by-case basis.

1. **Acquisition of a conservation easement** (including the acquisition of development rights) that enhances or provides nature-based outdoor recreation. Because of the complexity of easements, the department has developed separate guidelines, including a model easement to explain the requirements for eligibility for Stewardship funding. Contact your DNR region Community Service Specialist for additional information.

2. Land purchases

- To preserve scenic or natural areas, including areas of physical or biological importance and wildlife areas. These areas shall be open to the general public for outdoor recreation use to the extent that the natural attributes of the areas will not be seriously impaired or lost.
- Within urban areas for such uses as open natural space, undeveloped play areas, bicycling trails, walking and horseback riding trails, and day-use picnic areas.
- That preserve or restore urban rivers or riverfronts for the purposes of economic revitalization and nature based outdoor recreation activities.

3. **Development and renovation projects for the purpose of nature-based outdoor recreation** – e.g., trails, camping areas, picnic areas, water recreation areas, and educational facilities where there is a permanent professional naturalist staff and the facilities are for nature interpretation, etc.

4. **Development and renovation of support facilities for the above** – e.g., access roads, parking areas, restroom facilities, utility and sanitation systems, permanent landscaping, park signs, fences and lighting for the protection of park users, etc.

5. **Shoreline habitat restoration projects** that serve public recreation or resource conservation purposes and is dependent on being on a shoreline.

6. **Riparian buffer rehabilitation** including establishment of native vegetation, which may include slope and site preparation, and control of exotic plant species.

7. **Shoreline stabilization**, which may employ bioengineering practices, and other environmentally beneficial stabilization techniques.

Source: (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>)

DNR INELIGIBLE PROJECTS

1. Land acquired through condemnation by the applicant; development of facilities on lands that were acquired through condemnation by the applicant.
2. Purchasing land for and development of recreation areas that are not related to nature-based outdoor recreation – e.g., sports that require extensively developed open space such as dedicated sports fields, swimming pools, tennis courts, playgrounds, skateboard parks, hockey rinks, indoor horse arenas, golf courses, and motorized recreation.
3. Lands dedicated through a local park land dedication ordinance.
4. Restoration or preservation of historic structures.
5. Buildings primarily devoted to operation and maintenance.
6. Indoor recreation facilities.
7. Construction or repair of seawalls, dams and lagoons.
8. Construction of lodges, motels, luxury cabins or similar facilities.
9. Environmental remediation or clean-up of site contamination.

Source: (<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us>)

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MAINTENANCE PLAN

**TO IMPROVE THE PARKS, THERE
NEEDS TO BE A COMMITMENT TO
TAKING CARE OF THEM.**

Care and Maintenance of Tomah Parks

Careful planning and design are essential to building a great community park system, but it is the level of long-term care that determines how attractive facilities remain, how long equipment lasts, how safe the parks are, and displays a City's commitment to the quality of life of its residents.

Sustainable maintenance improves the quality of the environment that has been created. Such maintenance also carefully balances the need to enhance or restore natural resources with the need for active recreation opportunities.

The amount of necessary maintenance will vary from park to park. Active parks, for example, tend to need a higher level of attention, while most open spaces require a lesser routine type of ongoing maintenance.

The parks department should establish a reporting mechanism to have residents self-report maintenance and playground issues. Additionally, the department should have staff trained on playground inspection and maintenance. Staff needs to be committed to being the eyes on the parks and take on the responsibility to perform park inspections as a regular part of their daily responsibilities.

Parks, Facilities & Trail Maintenance Goals and Recommendations

GOAL Create a successful and functional maintenance program that will address the concerns of both existing and future parks, open space and trails.

Recommendations

- ◆ Provide adequate and well-trained park personnel.
- ◆ Promote an understanding with your staff regarding the significant level of effort and responsibility they have to the parks, facilities and trail operations and maintenance. There needs to be strong staff ownership in caring for the Parks of Tomah. This will go a long way to improving the maintenance of the park system.
- ◆ Create a maintenance work order system to track the problems and expectations surrounding the time it takes to correct any problems. Base your operations on historical data and look to improve the maintenance process. This approach will reduce maintenance in the long run.
- ◆ Purchase appropriate equipment to perform maintenance effectively and efficiently.

GOAL

Strive to use sustainable maintenance and care practices for park land, trails, and park facilities whenever possible.

Recommendations

- ◆ Periodically survey the condition of each park and facilities within the park in order to effectively and efficiently schedule routine maintenance projects.
- ◆ Design a sustainable maintenance program that will evaluate annual labor, supply and equipment needs, and develop a realistic plan for keeping park landscapes and facilities maintained and working properly.
- ◆ Included in the maintenance program are the following guidelines:

SUSTAINABLE MAINTENANCE PRACTICES:

1. Retain existing soil during construction and planting projects. Stockpile and reuse this soil on-site to minimize disturbance that could encourage growth of invasive plant species.
2. If fill needs to be imported, request weed-free fill.
3. When using fertilizer, use organic or “slow-release” and use no more than recommended for proper growth.
4. To determine the need for fertilizer, soil should be tested once every three years.
5. If soil pH needs to be adjusted, the use of lime or soil acidifying materials can be added.
6. Use compost as an annual dressing.
7. Create a compost area within the park system to supply needed compost. Consider creating a community composting program.
8. Mulching retains moisture in the soil, moderates soil temperature, prevents erosion and the washing away of nutrients, and keeps weed growth under control. Mulch should be applied no deeper than 4 inches on trees, 2-3 inches on shrubs, and about an inch on perennials.
9. Use shredded hardwood mulch rather than wood chips because of its slower decomposition rate, which has less nitrogen depletion properties.
10. In turf areas and newly planted areas, water deeply, about one inch of water per week, to keep plants healthy and to prevent soil erosion. Water in the early morning to prevent evaporation.
11. Consider using two types of grass within the parks, a cool season athletic mix turf grass for active play areas, such as ball fields and picnic areas, and a native cool season grass such as perennial ryegrass in place of Kentucky bluegrass, plus fescue in other areas of the park.
12. Mow high (about 3 inches or no more than one-third of the blade of grass) in earlier morning hours, leaving grass clippings on the turf. Longer blades of grass tend to grow deeper roots helping to avoid erosion and obtaining more moisture and nutrients from the soil.

13. Include large drifts of native grasses and flower areas in parks, especially around water bodies to protect water quality, provide seasonal color and texture, enhance wildlife habitat and deter geese populations.
14. Include a controlled burn approach to maintaining native landscapes within parks. Controlled burns should be performed only by trained personnel.
15. Incorporate natural storm water control measures within the parks such as rain gardens, grass swales and additional planting of trees around parking and other hard surface areas to reduce site run-off.
16. Reduce the use of pesticides, herbicides or other chemically treated products such as wood products, whenever possible due to their impacts on water quality and wildlife habitat. When needed, especially in the case of invasive plant species control, they should be applied only by trained personnel and care should be taken to ensure proper use and storage.
17. Turf grass on ball fields and soccer fields will be mowed 2 times per week during the seasons when needed. All other turf grass will be mowed 1 time per week as time and weather permit.



OPERATIONAL GOAL

OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE PARKS, FACILITIES AND TRAIL SYSTEM WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION.

Recommendations

- ♦ Solicit public evaluation of parks, facilities and trail maintenance using periodic surveys, online feedback via Facebook feedback section, open discussion with community groups, and comment/suggestion boxes placed in the parks.
- ♦ Use community volunteer resources to assist in park beautification projects, e.g. rain garden, restoration projects, invasive species control and installation of signage, new playground structures, etc. These types of activities bring community members together, especially in neighborhood park settings and can create a sense of ownership that may continue.
- ♦ Create volunteer recognition programs to acknowledge groups or community members for their service.
- ♦ Educate the public on the aesthetics and benefits of sustainable park landscapes using brochures, fact sheets, websites, City newsletter, and signage. Help get the community excited about the Tomah Parks!

Maintenance Guidelines

9.0 Maintenance Plan

Annual Maintenance Schedule							
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	At 2 Years	At 5 Years	At 10+ Years
Trees and Shrubs					Only prune lower branches that will create a hazard. Trees should not be staked unless absolutely necessary. Renewal prune woody shrubs to improve shape. DO NOT SHEAR SHRUBS. Pruning should be done only by trained personnel.	Selectively replace shrubs that have overgrown. Renewal prune woody shrubs to improve shape. DO NOT SHEAR SHRUBS. Pruning should be done only by trained personnel.	Replace shrubs that have become overgrown.
Planting New/ Replacement		X	X	X			
Fertilizer	Only when needed						
Mulch		X	X	X			
Pest Control (only as needed)		X	X				
Plant Repair	X	X	X	X			
Pruning	X	X	X	X			

Annual Maintenance Schedule							
	Win- ter	Spring	Summer	Fall	At 2 Years	At 5 Years	At 10+ Years
Aeration		April		Sept.	Re-grade sections that may have become "bumpy". Remove lawn from area around tree trunks.		Complete major renovation of turf areas designated for active sports such as ball fields, soccer fields, etc.
Mowing		X	X	X			
Re-sodding		X	X	X			
Reseeding (over-seedng)				X			
Weed Control (only as needed)		X		X			
Fertilization		X		X			
Naturalized Areas							
Planting		X		X	Weeding/burns and general management is critical during the first three years of establishment. The goal is to have minimal contact in subsequent years to reduce impact to wildlife habitat. ONLY BURN IN NATIVE GRASS & FLOWER AREAS.	Plant species choice should be modified based on success rates.	Long-term management should consider wildlife habitat quality. Plant species selection should be modified based on success rates and aesthetic quality. Replace plants or re- seed as needed.
					Most trees and shrubs cannot survive this method of weed control.		

10.0

APPENDIX:

Public Indoor Recreational Facility

Public Participation Workshop

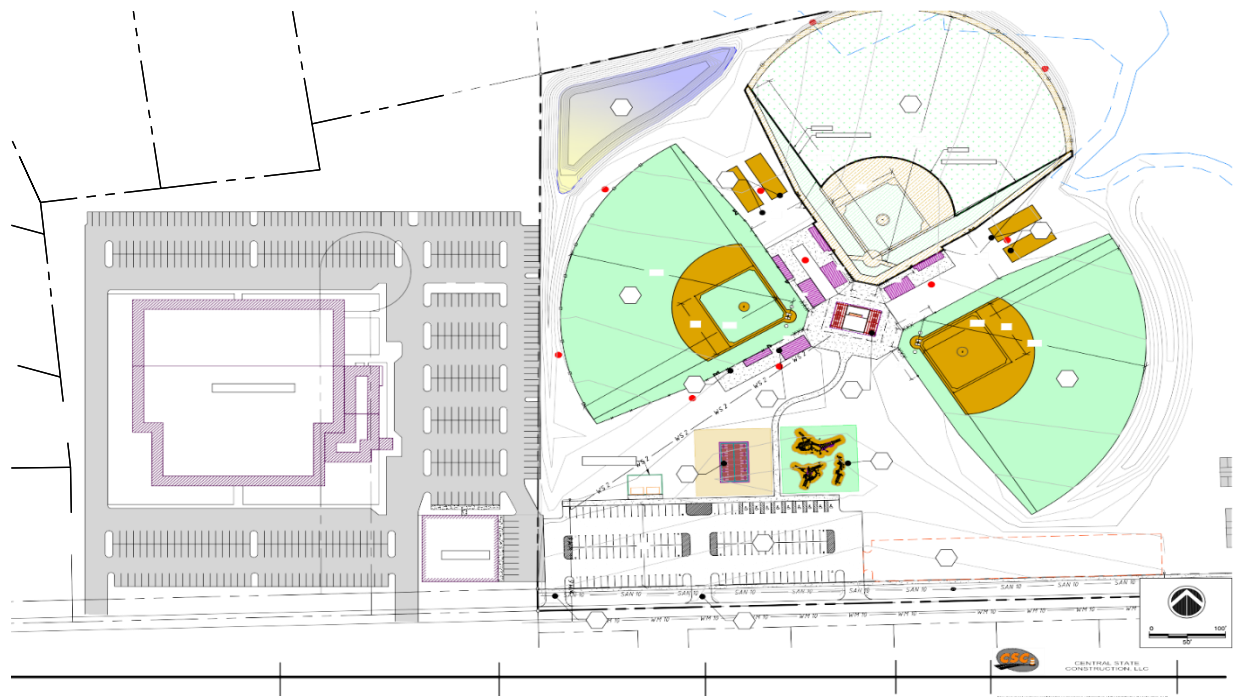
Public Indoor Recreation Facility, received substantial support throughout the public input process. The development of a multi-purpose indoor recreational facility could include an indoor swimming pool, fitness areas, track, court space, and community room space. The City of Tomah recognizes that the development of this type of facility would not only fill an existing community void and improve overall community health, but also could be a regional asset that would bring additional non-residents to the City who may then visit other local businesses. In addition, a “YMCA-type” facility may also attract new families to the community.

Project Implementation: The City will continue to implement the recommendations of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan related to this topic and build collaborative relationships with potential operating entities, identifying and analyzing potential sites, and complete a feasibility study which includes:

- Identify facility space and programming needs.
- Identify and evaluate alternative building sites.
- Develop conceptual site plans for each alternative site.
- Develop initial cost estimates for building construction.
- Identify potential funding sources and partners
- Develop a fundraising strategy

Responsible Parties: Parks and Recreation Committee, City Staff and City Council

Funding Sources: A combination of City funds, grants, partnerships, and fundraising.



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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

April 27, 2026

5:30-6:30pm

Recreation Station~ 316 Arthur Street

Tomah Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a public information meeting regarding the 2026-2030 Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

Tomah, WI - The Tomah Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a public information session to discuss the 5-year Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP). The public information meeting will allow residents to provide feedback on priorities for parks, trails, and open spaces. The meeting will be at 5:30 PM-6:30pm on Monday April 27, 2026, at the Recreation Station located at 316 Arthur St. The meeting will begin with a brief 15-minute presentation.

The Parks and Recreation Commission monthly meeting will follow at 6:30pm. Refreshments will be available.

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